Russian Parents Struggle to Bring Home Warrior Sons

Washington Post Service
TOLSTOYE YURT, Russia — Vladimir Sevalnikov, 59, stood alone in a vast sea of mud, staring at the spot where he had last seen his 19-year-old son more than two weeks ago. Weeping softly, he took no notice of the Grad missiles roaring overhead in thunderous volleys or the dirt-spattered armored personnel carri-

Mr. Sevalnikov was one of hundreds of Russian parents who have descended on the breakaway region of Chechnya to find their soldier-children, to see their faces, to drag them out of war if they can. They have drained their life savings, blockaded tank columns, and besieged train stations and military headquarters -all in desperate efforts to get news of their teenage

In their battle, they waver between exasperation at

Russian Jets

Widen War

In Raids on

New Targets

By Lee Hockstader

planes have begun daily attacks on moun-

tain villages south of the besieged city of

Grozny, marking a shift in Moscow's stat-

ed policy of allowing Chechen rebels an

The aerial rocket attacks, launched without warning every morning and after-

noon for the last week, are aimed at alpine

hamlets in the Caucasus from which the

Chechens have vowed to wage a guerrilla war if they are driven out of Grozny.

The systematic attacks represent a widening of the five-week-old war. They suggest that the Russians have scrapped plans to permit Chechen fighters an honorable

exit in favor of a more ambitious goal of

pursuing them into the mountains and,

perhaps, trying to wipe them out altogeth-

For the time being, however, Moscow still has its hands full in Grozny, the Chechen capital, where Russian troops have

met furious resistance since they tried to

In central Grozny, the rebels remain in

control of the presidential palace. There were unconfirmed reports that the Rus-

tion not far the city center, which they had

Russian artillery, mortars, rockets,

tanks and helicopter gunships continued

to hammer the palace and other Chechen

strongholds on Monday, and fires were

seen raging across Grozny. But the rebels simply take cover in cellars, bunkers and

"If we hadn't resisted the Russians

through the centuries, then we would have

been degraded," Issa Rodayev, a Chechen

artist, said this week. "The Chechen people

wouldn't even exist any more — and as

For the first month of the war, the

Kremlin said Russian forces attacking

Chechnya from the north, west and east

would leave open a corridor leading south

from Grozny to the mountains in order to

But starting last Tuesday, Russian Su-24 fighter jets began pounding settlements along the scenic road winding up into the

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sians were driven out of the railroad

storm the city New Year's Eve.

earlier said they had captured.

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you can see now, we exist."

allow the Chechens to retreat.

escape route to the south.

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three days' journey from his hometown in Oryol, more than (1,300 kilometers) (800 miles) away, to this Chechen village that has become a Russian military encampment. Like so many other young soldiers, Sergei, 19, had been killed in a murderous battle Jan. 1 in the Chechen capital of Grozny, 23 kilometers to the

No one had told Sergei's father at the time it happened; even now, no one could say where Sergei was buried.

"How can I go on living?" Mr. Sevalnikov asked no one in particular as he stared at something only he could see. "He will remain before my eyes for the rest

Mr. Sevalnikov, a retired laborer, had traveled here

the lies and evasions of the military — and fear of hearing the truth.

For Mr. Sevalnikov, the truth came Sunday, after three days is a seven from the seven for the new year and managed a few words with his youngest son. He had returned home, but when by Jan. 10 he had heard nothing more, he had to the heart of Chesham — such as Mordely 100. return to Chechnya. Now, like so many in Russia today, he could barely spit out his contempt for President Boris N. Yeltsin and Defense Minister Pavel

> "They sent these untrained boys here, and for what?" Mr. Sevalnikov asked, tears running down his unshaven cheeks. "Do I need this Chechnya, or did my son? We have enough land already.

In Russia today, Mr. Sevalnikov stands out only because he is a father, for the most part, it is Russia's mothers who have rallied to save their sons, It was Russian mothers, fiercely single-minded in their devotion, who campaigned against the Afghan war and against brutal hazing in the army, and it is mostly

on the border of Chechnya — such as Mozdok, 100 kilometers northwest of here, where a military garrison has become Russia's war headquarters. It was there, Saturday morning, that 50 or more women linked arms to block a convoy until army officers,

stymied, let them on the base.

"They didn't know what else to do," said Valentina Vekshina, 49. "They had to get those tanks to Grozny.

"An officer built like a wardrobe tried to block my

way," Mrs. Vekshina, herself fairly solidly built, added with satisfaction. "I told him he could stop me when he sent his own son to war. Until then, get out of

But there have been few such satisfying moments See PARENTS, Page 6

Market Soars And Lira Up On Promises Of Reform

But Berlusconi Throws A Curve by Insisting Dini Name His Allies

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch

ROME - Italian stock prices jumped and the lira was swept higher Monday amid investor hopes that Prime Ministerdesignate Lamberto Dini would soon form a nonpartisan government to take control of economic policy.

But the search for a new government hit a snag Monday night when allies of the outgoing prime minister, Silvio Beriusconi, threatened to withhold parliamentary support from Mr. Dini unless his government included members of the former adminis-

Financial markets had cheered earlier because Mr. Dini, a fiscal conservative and the treasury minister under Mr. Berlus-coni, was holding talks on forming a government of "technocrats" who would tackle Italy's runaway public sector budget deficit, streamline the bloated pension system and pass electoral reforms.

The prospects of a Dini government bolstered the Italian money and stock mar-kets, which had fallen sharply in the uncertainty between the collapse of the last government and the nomination of a new prime minister. On Monday, the Milan bourse's Mibtel

stock price index leapt by 4.51 percent, gaining 584 points, to 10,724 points, its high for the year. The lira also advanced. The Deutsche mark fell to 1,047.3 lire from 1,055.1 on

Government bond markets were also

spurred higher, reducing interest rates. The yield on the 10-year bond fell to 10.82 percent from 11.02 percent on Friday. Mr. Dini, a former deputy governor of

the Bank of Italy and 16-year veteran of the International Monetary Fund, is considered close to Forza Italia, the party set up by Mr. Berlusconi before the elections. last March.

After being asked to form a government last Friday, Mr. Dini received pledges of support from all parties except the extreme-left Refounded Communists. But on Monday afternoon, three of the four former ruling coalition parties — Forza Italia, the neofascist National Alliance and the small Christian Democratic Center -- said in a joint statement that they would back the new government only if Mr. Dini agreed to reappoint several members of the former government.

The parties contended that, under the constitution, Mr. Dini must choose junior ministers from among current members of Parliament and so is obliged to keep some officials from the outgoing government.

Mr. Dini met Mr. Berlusconi twice Monday to discuss the issue. After being chosen Friday by President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro to form a new government, Mr. Dini pledged to put together a

cabinet made up of experts, without consideration of party politics. A fight had already occurred over Mr. Dini's apparent intention to keep Gianni

in his post as undersecretary to the presi-See ITALY, Page 6



Boys from a Jewish settlement planting a sapling Monday, Arbor Day, to reaffirm their commitment to the land. Arabs also plant trees to stake out territory.

Enemies on West Bank Dig In to Establish Their Roots

By Clyde Haberman
New York Times Service

SAFA, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — Under a milky winter sun, Diab Abdel-Moti Nasser put the remaining strength of his 75 years into the pick he swung, digging holes in the rocky hillside for almond saplings he was about to plant.

Actually, he said, he was not planting trees so much as making his claim to that patch of land, which lies about a couple of kilometers from this ramshackle village in a southwestern niche of the West Bank. Here, land is politics, and Mr. Nasser was voting with his

"The Jews want to take our land," he said between swings. "Tve been working this land since I was a child.

I inherited it from my father, and he inherited it from his father. This is how I'm going to protect it."

All around him, as other Safa residents were planting hundreds of saplings on Sunday along the gently slop-ing hill, anti-Israel protests were carried out at half a dozen West Bank locations where Arabs say their land is in danger of being confiscated to expand nearby

It was the latest skirmish in a conflict between Palestinians and Israeli settlers that is growing in aggressiveness on both sides as peace negotiations head toward a new, uncertain phase. The battles are being fought mostly with bulldozers and shovels, but sometimes also with weapons, raising concerns that a steadily tense situation could turn explosive almost without warning.

The legal rights to the West Bank's craggy slopes are in endless dispute. More to the point for now, Palestinians and Israelis are each focusing on laying political claim to as much land as possible. They are anticipating an agreement to extend Palestinian autonomy across the West Bank, taking it beyond the tiny enclave of Jericho and the troubled Gaza Strip.

If Palestinians are staking out territory by planting saplings, Israelis are doing the same by uprooting the Palestimians' trees in places and planting their own.

In Elkana, in the West Bank 25 kilometers (16 miles) east of Tel Aviv, settlers went last week to a nearby hill on which they said Palestinians were working illegally,

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Letta, a close adviser of Mr. Berlusconi's,

Kiosk

Central Japan Hit By Strong Quake TOKYO (Reuters) — A powerful earthquake that set off small fires and collapsed houses in the post sixt of Wake

collapsed houses in the port city of Kobe hit central Japan early Tuesday morning. the Japan Meteorological Agency said.
The earthquake, which measured 7.2
on the open-ended Richter scale, rum-

bled across across Honshu Island from the Pacific Ocean to the Japan Sea. It struck at 5:46 A.M. and was centered 20 kilometers below the island of Awajishima near Kobe, an agency spokesman said. He added that there was no immediate fear of tidal waves.

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IRE AND SMOKE - About 2,000 French, German and Austrian tobacco growers burned bundles of tobacco Monday in Strasbourg, France, to protest a drop in earnings and the planned privatization of the industry.

Amid Crises, Italy's Dolce Vita Blooms

By William Drozdiak

Washington Past Service ROME - In the belly of the Eternal City known as Trastevere, restaurant owners once saddled with empty tables turn away eager diners. At Angelo Cenci's boutique near the Pantheon, customers snap up \$150 cashmere scarves as if they were napkins, Among shoppers thronging stores near the Piazza di Spagna, furs and jewels have never seemed so abundant.

As Italy prepares for its 54th govern-ment since the war, the ostentatious signs of affluence provide abundant evidence of how many Italians share an uncarmy ability to sustain "la dolce vita" despite the more than 30 percent of its value in the frequent spells of political instability and past two years, but as a direct consequence financial turmoil.

Amid all the talk of corruption scandals, political chaos and a plunging lira, it is often overlooked that Italy has evolved in recent years into the world's fifth biggest industrial powerhouse, with a trillion-dol-

lar economy and some of the highest living standards in Europe.

"We've been hearing about how we have fallen into decay and decline ever since the days of the Roman Empire," said Franco Ferrarotti, a University of Rome sociologist. "Italians love to complain, yet deep down inside they know they probably live

better than anyone else." Part of the secret in managing to live so long and so well beyond their means lies in a special knack of Italians to turn adversity into good fortune.

The lira fell last week to record lows against the German mark and has lost Italian exporters have reaped a huge competitive advantage and are now enjoying a speciacular boom that has infuriated their French and German rivals.

Similarly, economists lament that Italy's refusal to adopt any austerity measures to

curtail its bloated deficits and pension sys-tem has sent the state debt soaring to more than \$1.2 trillion, one of the highest levels in the world. Yet, nearly all of that debt is owned by Italian investors, who happily buy up government bonds that pay well over 10 percent in interest.

"The state debt actually makes people feel much richer than they really are because of the huge returns on their money," said Luciano Di Crescenzo, a popular writer and philosopher. "There will be a lot of sad people around the day we get responsible political leadership that can bring down the debt."

Enter Lamberto Dini, 63, an ascetic banker appointed Friday by President Os-car Luigi Scalfaro to replace Silvio Berlus-coni as the country's prime minister. Mr. Dini worked for two decades at the International Monetary Fund and firmly be-

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In the Malcolm X Mystery, the U.S. Offers a Strange Star Witness By Isabel Wilkerson New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Michael Fitzpatrick, the man who the authorities say turned in the daughter of Malcolm X and accused her of trying to hire him to kill Louis Farrakhan, has emerged as the central figure in the of a Manhattan bookstore that sold Russian books case, shadowed by intrigue and a history of enticing others to wrongdoing.

While little has emerged about Qubilah Shabazz, despite the notoriety of her famous father, in the days since she was indicted on the basis of his testimony, a much clearer portrait of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the govern-

ment's star wimess, has come into view.

Many who came in contact with Mr. Fitzpatrick when he was a teen-ager in New York have strong recollections of a young man who used to bring gans to school, and showed friends his homemade bombs.

The lives of Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Shabazz first intersected in the elite corridors of the UN International School here, where the children of diplomats

and later became an informer on the planned bombing of the Egyptian tourism office in Manhattan. He now facing five years imprisonment on drug charges in

Since the middle of last year, the authorities say, Mr. Fitzpatrick has been talking with Ms. Shabazz about a plot to kill Mr. Farrakhan out of revenge for her own father's murder. Ms. Shabazz, 34, who has

Even in the 1970s, there was talk at his high school of Mr. Fitzgerald's interest in volatile causes. He was linked to the Irish Republican Army and joined the

Jewish Defense League in 1976.
Neither Mr. Fitzpatrick, now 34, nor his mother, who lives in Manhattan, could be reached for com-ment Sunday. But the FBI agent who recruited Mr. Fitzpatrick to inform on his Jewish Defense League associates described him as a reliable informer who risked his life for the government at a time of tension

between Egypt and Israel. One of the two men who went to prison on the basis of his testimony said he had still not forgiven him. "He was arrested, and he made a deal," Victor G. Vancier, a fellow member of the league at the time. said in an interview Sunday. "The deal was that he would inform on me."

Mr. Vancier served 21 months as a result of Mr. Fitzpatrick's testimony while Mr. Fitzpatrick entered the federal witness protection program under the name of Michael Summers and moved to a suburb of Minneapolis shortly after the trial.

He held various jobs in Minneapolis. In 1986, he joined an anarchist group called the Back Room. Mr. Fitzpatrick was expelled from the group after three months, when he tried to pressure other members into

bombing government targets, according to Christo-pher Gunderson, a member of the group. Mr. Fitzpatrick was arrested on Nov. 23, 1993, for cocaine possession after police said they found him snorting the drug in the apartment of his employer, Harlan Rosenfeld. Mr. Rosenfeld owned a gold brokerage company in Minneapolis and hired Mr. Fitzpatrick two months before their arrest.

Tokyo-Bonn Shot Cost \$76 Million

By Barry James

The first major collaboration in space by Germany and Japan ended in spectacular failure Monday after their rocket twice circled the world without completely leaving the atmosphere and then disappeared somewhere between Australia and South America.

The malfunction was a faceloser for Japan's Institute for Space and Astronautical Scince. "We feel a great responsibility and we will do our utmost to investigate the cause," said Motoki Hidana, the project leader of the government agen-cy, a smaller rival to the National Space Development Agency.

For Germany, the failure was a big money-loser. It spent 30 million Deutsche marks (\$20 million) on buying and converting a Russian satellite to test a new heat-absorbing material and carry out gravity experi-ments. The total cost of the mis-sion was estimated at \$76 mil-

A spokesman for the German space agency, DARA Gmbh, said there were no immediate plans for other joint missions with Japan because future cooperation had been dependent on the success of Monday's

flight. here Monday and sat among a
The flight was intended to modes: 300 worshipers in a test the viability of a Germandesigned shielding material for prayed with them. protecting satellites from the searing heat of re-entering the Earth's atmosphere. Despite the failure, officials said, research would continue, possibly with other partners.

The spokesman, Franz-Peter Spaunhorst, said Germany has developed a material capable of resisting temperatures of up to 3,000 degrees Celsius that in theory, could be used to build the skin of future supersonic aircraft or spacecraft. The U.S. space shuttle relies on a system of heat-resisting tiles on its nose. They must be replaced after each flight.

Mr. Spaunhorst said the Germans were awaiting a report from Japanese officials, who were to discuss the malfunction

at a news conference Tuesday.
The mission started to go wrong before the four-stage rocket had completed the burn- and Sri Lanka - his most chaling of its second-stage. As a lenging voyage since he broke a result, Mr. Spaunhorst said, it appeared to have headed off horizontally instead of vertically. The rocket also developed a his spokesman, Joaquín Naserious shimmy. It was last varro-Valls. "The leg is not monitored by scientists at the painful, but movement is limit-Australian Space Office heading toward Chile.

The Australians said the rocket had probably broken up and burned as it tumbled through the atmosphere. It was. scheduled for a controlled descent to the Woomera testing range in Australia next Satur-

The deputy head of the Australian Space Office, John Boyd, was quoted by Reuters as calling the failure "a disaster for the program." "We're not counting on any

further missions in this particular series," he said.

The mission, known as Express, for experimental re-entry space system, was launched from the Kagoshima Space Catholic, only 3 percent of Center, about 1,000 kilometers Asians profess the Catholic southwest of Tokyo. The 1.30-meter capsule was

built in Russia and adapted by Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG, which was also responsible for the design and integration of the system.

Mr. Spaunhorst said the mission came together after German and Japanese scientists discovered they were working on similar heat-shield experiments. The Nissan Motor Co., which built the rocket, was also testing a reusable heat-shield material, while Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Ltd. had planned to test crystals for possible use as advanced catalysts in the petroleum industry.

Japan has suffered a series of setbacks in its bid to become a major figure in the satellite dominated by the United States and Europe.

Sweden Marks 50 Years Of Wallenberg Mystery

Agence France-Presse STOCKHOLM - Sweden vill commemorate Tuesday the 50th anniversary of the disappearance of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who smug-gled thousands of Jews out of occupied Hungary during World War II. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia will attend a special ceremony at the

Riksdag, Sweden's parliament. Mr. Wallenberg, a member of one of Sweden's most prominent industrial families, disappeared after his arrest by the Soviets in Budapest on Jan. 17, 1945, at the age of 32.

A Longer Workweek? Germans Mark Time

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

DUSSELDORF - Life for the 16 million people in the former East Germany has been transformed since reunification in 1990, but change has come slower among the 64 million people here in the prosperous West despite warnings that their comfortable and costly welfare state must be cut back in a new era of global economic competition.

Pleas to work longer or harder are not easy to sell in a country where the 35-hour week is common, average hourly wages are higher than those in the United States and even first-year employees get four weeks' paid vaca-

The difficulty was made especially clear this month, when Walter Deuss, chairman of the Karstadt department store chain, suggested that retail stores be given the option of extending their hours to 8 P.M. on weekdays and 6 P.M. on Saturdays, bringing German hours closer to those in other European countries.

Store owners and employees balked at the proposal, demonstrating just how hard it is to get Germans to take another look at what Chancellor Helmut Kohl has called Germany's en-

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service

New Guinea - After a record-

lish for a good thing."

among you."

"He is holding up well," said

open air ceremony on Tuesday

reality than the exuberance

Sunday in Manila during cele-

brations for the Catholic Church's 10th World Youth

Less than one third of Papua

New Guinea's four million peo-

ple are Catholics. Indeed,

Christianity is only 100 years

Elsewhere on his tour, he has

encountered far smaller propor-

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underscored a more sober

PORT MORESBY, Papua

crusted habits — ways that might have any weekday except Thursday, when worked during the Cold War but that closing time is extended to 8:30 P.M. some now fear are threatening to choke economic growth.

"Nothing will really begin to change until Germans stop believing that the workweek should end at noon on Friday," said Hermann Franzen, who heads the 100,000-member German Retail Trade Association and owns a family porcelain store on the fashionable Konigsallee, the flagship retail street here in this city on the

German retail trading hours are the most restrictive in Europe because of a 1956 law that was originally written to protect employees and to regulate demand in the booming postwar Gerтап есопоту.

But economic growth in Germany has been sluggish in recent years, and with unemployment at 9.6 percent of the labor force, advocates of longer opening hours suggest that they would stimulate domestic demand and create tens of thousands of jobs. Since 1956, except for convenience

stores in railroad stations, airports and gas stations, not a single super-market, bakery, boutique or department store in Germany has been allowed to stay open past 6:30 P.M. on

On Saturdays, except the four before Christmas and the first of every month, stores must close by 2 P.M., and shopping on Sunday is almost totally prohibited. In small towns, moreover, stores traditionally close for lunch.

"It is a typically German kind of law," said Mr. Franzen. But like most of his fellow shopkeepers, he does not want longer hours because he is convinced that they would not bring in enough extra customers to cover the additional operating costs. And owners and employees alike worry that longer hours would cut into their time

Proponents of extending the shop-ping hours say the old law makes social change difficult. The law, for example, is one reason only 58.5 percent of the women in Germany hold jobs outside the home, compared with about 85 percent in East Germany before 1989. Moreover, for dual-income households with young children, it makes having to shop on Saturdays family ordeal.

But in a German industrial and political culture that remains heavily patriarchal, shopping hours have withstood almost every attempt to extend

In 1988, the last time the shoppinghours debate produced change, legis-lators voted to permit Thursday evening shopping, overcoming resistance by shopkeepers and employees unions. But they also cut back on Saturday hours to compensate em-

To solve the unemployment prob-lem, labor unions and the Social Democrats have been fighting for nearly the opposite — for employees to have a shorter workweek. Their logic is that employers would hire additional workers to make up the difference in

Many retailers, too, are not convinced that longer hours will mean more jobs, or at least not many good

Margret Monig-Raane, the acting head of the 560,000-member union representing German retail trade, bank and insurance employees, said: "After the Thursday shopping evenings came in, it was mainly 'bad jobs' that were added," meaning part-time jobs paying less than 560 marks (\$360) a month without the governmentmandated social security, pension, or medical premiums that have to be paid on higher salaries.

Santer Tries Papua New Guinea: Sober Reality for Pope To Placate **Parliament**

STRASBOURG, France --The European Commission president-designate, Jacques Santer, tried to defuse a fight with members of the European Parliament on Monday, removing an Irish commissioner, Padraig Flynn, from the chairmanship of a women's rights committee after he was accused

An EU source said that Mr. Santer and the 19 members of the new European Union executive had agreed to the move at a strategy session called in advance of a confirmation vote by the European Parliament on Wednesday.

Mr. Santer was under pressure from the parliamentarians to react to their concerns after they criticized five of 20 comduring confirmation hearings

The source said Mr. Santer now be approved.

hairman of a new equal oppor- ing rights." tunities committee in the incoming commission.

But he was attacked by Parliament members after the hearings for an allegedly sexist remark made during the Irish presidential campaign of Mary Robinson, now Ireland's first woman head of state.

Some members of the Parliament the EU's only directly elected body, had warned Mr. Santer that his commission could be voted down unless he

responded to their concerns. The EU source said that Mr. Santer had made it clear at the strategy session that there would be no redistribution of portfolios.

In Algeria, **Death Stains Peace Calls**

Agence France-Presse
ALGIERS — Islamic mili-

tants in Algeria have stepped up a campaign of assassinations even as religious and secular opposition movements make peace proposals to the militarybacked government.

Falah Nour, 65, a member of the National Council of Transition, was murdered in an Algiers suburb on Sunday in an forces on Muslim extremists.

The incident came as the most radical of the fundamentalist movements, the Armed Islamic Group, announced that it was ready to "stop the war" on certain terms. The source of the statement could not be verified. The National Council of

Transition was set up to replace Parliament after the army canceled voting three years ago, triggering the insurgency. Last Friday in Rome, the outlawed Islamic Salvation

Front and a large part of the secular opposition ended five days of talks with an offer to negotiate with the government to end the conflict.

A day earlier, six activists of the former ruling National Liberation Front were murdered near Relizane in an attack also blamed on fundamentalists.

The National Salvation Front was a party to the agreement signed in Rome with the Işlamic Salvation Front and another opposition movement, the Socialist Forces Front.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN Cites Rifts in Bosnia Cease-Fire

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Hetzegovina (Reuters) -- Efforts by the United Nations to cement a cease-fire in Bosma were undermined by the bad faith of both sides on Monday as a demilitarized zone was violated once again, and a plan to open civilian routes fell

Bosnian Serbs who ring Sarajevo sabotaged an accord on restoring humanitarian traffic to the city by demanding the routes be used only by eight foreign relief agencies that do not need them. Meanwhile, soldiers of the mostly Muslim government army had reinfiltrated the UN demilitarized zone on Mount Igman outside the capital in a new reverse for the cease-fire process, UN peacekeepers said.

Elsewhere, a weeklong Bosnian Muslim blockade of UN troops at their base near Tuzla in northeast Bosnia appeared to be worsening, a UN spokesman said on Monday.

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U.S. Returns Last of Haitian Refugees

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hairi (AP) — A U.S. Coast Guard cutter on Monday repatriated the last group of Hairian boat people who had refused to return home voluntarily from a refugee tent camp

The 129 returned Monday brought the total of involuntary repatriates to about 4,000, a U.S. Embassy spokesman, Stan Schrager, said. The returnees included a baby girl, born at 3 A.M. Monday during the return voyage.

Although Monday's group represented the last of the Haitians who had rejected a voluntary repatriation offer, about 300 Haitians remain at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, pending a legal decision on their status. Those remaining include unaccompanied minors as well as people who have tuberculosis or tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Iraq Calls On Kurds to Make Peace

BAGHDAD (Reuters) — Iraq urged its Kurdish rebel foes on M inday to make peace with Baghdad, saying it still hoped for a peaceful solution for the Kurdish issue.

"The leadership is open-minded to accommodate and react to any serious national initiative." Baghdad radio said, quoting from a cabinet meeting. The radio said the cabinet held a session with President Saddam Hussein on Monday specifically to discuss the deteriorating situation in the Kurdish north.

It said the meeting called on the Kurds, locked in monthlong factional fighting, to "learn from the lessons of the past years and lean toward national solutions to put a final end to these painful situations and events." A senior United Nations official said that fighting by rival Kurdish groups in northern Iraq had led to a breakdown of law and order in parts of the region.

Yemen Aims to Cut Border Tensions

PARIS (Reuters) - President Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen, pledging to avoid war with his Saudi neighbors, suggested Monday that he might visit Saudi Arabia to settle a border dispute that has led to a flare-up of tension.

General Saleh, who began an official visit to Paris on Sunday, told the daily Le Monde in an interview published on Monday that Yemen "won't go to war, even if Saudi Arabia took the initiative." He added: "We won't fight our brothers."

The Saudi Press Agency reported the two countries agreed late on Sunday on steps to defuse tension, including withdrawing troops that had been sent to the border area.

Vatican Eases Off on Radical Bishop

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican is unlikely to go back on its dismissal of a French bishop, Monsignor Jacques Gaillot, but officials here hinted that he could still find a role to play if he accepted the church's authority.

Sources at the Vatican on Monday stressed that while Monsi-

gnor Gaillot had been dismissed as bishop of the Normandy city of Evreux for his outspoken criticism of Catholic orthodoxy, he missioners for various failings retained his consecration as bishop. He might also find another role in the church; for example, by helping the poor, the sources

iggested. Monsignor Gaillot, who has often spoken out against racism had been confident at the meet- and immigration laws and in defense of homosexuals, on Monday ing that the commission would joined a protest by about 100 homeless people who occupied a Paris social security office. "I'm not ready to shut up. I'm not Mr. Flynn, the social affairs ready to stop. I want to show that I'm still alive," he said during commissioner, had been made the protest. He added, "The Vatican should rejoice in my defend-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Airline Deaths in '94 Up 25 Percent

LONDON (Reuters) - Airline accidents around the world killed 1,385 people last year, with human error and bad weather the principal factors in fatal accidents, according to a study to be issued on Tuesday.

"The 1994 world total of airline fatalities rose by 25 percent

compared with 1993, reaching 1,385, but the number of fatal accidents dropped from 48 to 47," said the report, issued by Flight International magazine. The magazine said 1994 was also a bad year for the insurance

industry, with claims expected to hit a record \$2 billion. The fact that five of the fatal passenger-service accidents involved U.S. domestic operations has raised the claim level, it said.

Air Canada will begin twice-weekly flights between Toronto to Tel Aviv on June 20. The flights will be the first to the Middle East by the Montreal-based airline. Malaysia Airlines sealed a 10-year partnership pact with Virgin

Atlantic Airways on Monday in a move seen to break the British Airways-Qantas monopoly on routes between London and Aus-Taiwan reached a tentative agreement with Italy on Monday on

establishing direct flights between the two countries, despite the absence of official relations, government officials said. They said both nations had to decide which airlines would be allowed to operate flights on a Taipei-Rome route but had agreed not to use national flag carriers. Visitors now not permitted to see some of the world's most important prehistoric cave paintings will be able to view exact

replicas when a new museum opens at the site in northern Spain in about 10 years. The governing board of the Altamira caves Monday approved a plan to expand the tourist site near Santander, which gets about 100,000 visitors annually, news reports said. To protect the paintings, fewer than 9,000 visitors a year are lowed into the caves.

Restoration work began Monday on the 10th-century El Azhar mosque in the center of Cairo, according to its grand sheikh. The giers suburb on Sunday in an four-year project, which is estimated to cost \$18 million, will be attack blamed by security paid for largely by El Azhar, the highest Sunni Muslim authority, a government spokesman said.

Cambodia, After Murder, Limits Angkor Wat Visits

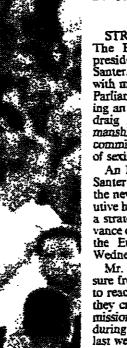
Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PHNOM PENH - The government on Monday said it would ban visits to a historic temple north of Siem Reap following an attack on a tour group that left an American woman and her Cambodian guide dead.

Susan Hadden, 50, of Austin, Texas, was killed together with a guide on the approaches to Banteay Serey Temple, 35 kilometers (21 miles) from Siem Reap on Sunday. The Interior Ministry said the main complex in the Angkor area still was safe to visit.

The woman's husband. William James Hadden, was critically wounded and remained in serious but stable condition in an international clinic in Phnom Penh.

The government denied the attack was organized by Khmer Rouge guerrillas and said robbery was the motive. An investigation was continuing, it said.

In the attack, five gunmen fired grenades and automatic rifles at a four-car convoy that included a minivan carrying the American couple. (Remers, AP)





Papua New Guineaus going to lengths to see the Pope on his arrival in Port Moresby.

tions of Christians. While the Philippines is predominantly pose to strengthen the Christian faithful of this country as they

And he has made clear that he regards his mission as one of galvanizing efforts to spread his Guinea launched a search for checked out of a hotel near the

service officer.

two men suspected of involve- airport in Port Moresby. The ment in a plot to assassinate two were suspected of being inhim. Reuters reported from volved in a plot uncovered in Port Moresby, quoting a secret Manila last week. We are treating this very.

Suspicions were raised when very seriously," the Papua New the men, described as Iranian. Guinea officer said.

bear witness to Jesus Christ, he said Monday.

■ 2 Suspects in Plot Sought Hours before the Pope's arfaith. "It is my desire and pur-rival, the police in Papua New

IHT Editor Testifies in Singapore Court

SINGAPORE — An International Her-ald Tribune editor testified in court here Monday that he believed an article making critical remarks about unnamed Asian judiciaries referred to China, not Singapore, Michael Richardson, Asia editor of the International Herald Tribune, was cross-

examined at length by the Singapore attorney general as the government's contemptof-court case against an American professor and IHT officials resumed. The dispute is over a commentary writ-, ten by the American academic Christopher Lingle and published in the IHT last Oct.
7. Mr. Lingle was then teaching at the

National University of Singapore, and the article was edited by Mr. Richardson. Mr. Lingle quit his Singapore job and returned to the United States in October. He has not returned to face charges. Attorney General Chan Sek Keong told the court last week that certain parts of the article clearly referred to Singapore and were calculated to undermine public confi-

dence in the judiciary, even though the country was not named Mr. Chan read aloud passages referring to "intolerant regimes in the region," some which rely "upon a compliant judiciary to bankrupt opposition politicians.

lian based in Singapore since 1971, was questioned throughout Monday's court He said Mr. Lingle's use of the word "regime" made him think of China, not Singapore. "The general definition of the

Mr. Richardson, a 51-year-old Austra-

word 'regime' usually means a method or system of government which is totalitarian, or which has major totalitarian char-

acteristics," Mr. Richardson said.

The word "immediately triggered in my mind a reference to Asian Communist and military regimes" such as China, North Korea, Burma and Vietnam, he said. Asked by Mr. Chan whether "regime"

could also apply to a democratic govern-ment, Mr. Richardson said no. Mr. Chan produced an article by Mr. Lingle published in Japan's daily Yomiuri newspaper on Dec. 2 headlined, "Singapore repression reveals regime's insecurity." He read a passage describing the is-land republic as "a Leninistic one-party state [that] decides what is best for its citizens and chokes off their means for

dissent. Mr. Richardson said Mr. Lingle was by then "embittered" by his Singapore experi-ence. "Singapore is not a Leninistic state," the editor stated, "It is a democracy. Nor is

Singapore a one-party state.
"I would say this is an article written by an embittered person," Mr. Richardson continued. "He has simply lost his sense of judgment and proportion. His definition of the word 'regime' is just plain wrong."

Mr. Richardson said Mr. Lingle's reference to "opposition politicians" in the IHT article could have referred to two Chinese intellectuals. Chen Ziming and Wang Jun-tao, who were both given 13-year jail sentences by Beijing for allegedly master-minding the June 1989 student-led

democracy movement.

Mr. Chan responded that Western media usually refer to political activists in China as "dissidents," not "opposition "I am looking at how the Beijing regime clearly regarded them." Mr. Richardson

On the article's reference to a compliant judiciary, Mr. Richardson said a Communist regime like China's had an array of methods to suppress political dissent, in-

cluding using a compliant judiciary.

Mr. Richardson said he believed the reference in Mr. Lingle's article to "buying out enough of the opposition to take control 'democratically' referred to efforts by the Philippines' former president, Ferdinand E. Marcos, to buy votes to remain in

Mr. Richardson, who covered the Phil-

ippines' presidential vote in 1986 for the

IHT. said various watchdog bodies, including the Catholic Bishops Conference, had condemned the vote-buying efforts by the Marcos government. He added that when he edited Mr. Lingle's piece, "I was unaware that opposition politicians had been bankrupted in Singapore as a result of a legal proceeding launched by the government or one of its

ministers. In addition to Mr. Lingle and Mr. Richardson, defendants are the Paris-based publisher of the IHT, Richard McClean; the local distributor, International Herald Tribune (Singapore), and the printer, Singapore Press Holdings.

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involve technical issues, such as how to measure the inflationary effect when a

higher-priced product is better in qual-

ity, or when consumers substitute

cheaper products for more expensive

ones, buying hamburger, for example, when the price of steak goes up.

But because, so many U.S. budget items are linked to the consumer price

index, the proposed changes have taken on the appearance of a free lunch for politicians, who see it as a painless

A lower reported CPI would mean

smaller payouts to federal retirees. So-

pegged to the index. That would re-

duce the U.S. deficit, without any for-

mal cuts in programs.
"I think it should be done," said

way to cut the deficit.

Inflation Index: Can Changes Add Up to Lower Deficit?

Republican of Texas, the House ma-

jority leader, in a broadcast interview

on Sunday. Cost-of-living adjustments "have always been a problem" for the

The House speaker, Representative

Newt Gingrich, Republican of Geor-

gia. threatened Saturday to withhold funding from the Bureau of Labor Sta-

tistics, which prepares the CPI each month, unless it changes its approach.

Georgia, Mr. Gingrich said: "We have

error in their calculations. If they can't

get it right in the next 30 days or so, we

zero them out, we transfer the respon-

sibility to either the Federal Reserve or

At a town meeting in Kennesaw,

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Republican

congressional leaders have joined Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Green-

span in calling for changes in the con-

sumer price index to eliminate what

they claim is an overstatement of the

Mr. Greenspan estimated last week that the changes to the index, or CPI,

could reduce the federal budget deficit

by \$150 billion over the next five years.

index that is coming under scrutiny, as federal statisticians have begun the

most ambitious effort since the late

1950s to remedy deficiencies in mea-

suring the nation's economic perfor-

The proposed changes in the CPI

The CPI is only one government

true rate of inflation.

mance. (Page 17)

The Young and the Staid New Republicans

WASHINGTON — Life around the capital is sweet these days for young Republicans. Forget the aimlessness and pessimism that is emblematic of so many in Generation X. Since the Nov. 8 elections, conservative young Republicans have been euphoric and filled with a sense of purpose. For the under-30 crowd in Washington, at least, grunge is out and

Seated under a portrait of his political mentor, David Wilson, 27, looks like a young Bob Dole: starched collar, gray suit, shiny brown hair swept back. This is not mere coincidence, Mr. Wilson has spent the last five years working

for the senator, who is once again the majority leader.

"For somebody who started out in my background — my mother's a teacher and my father's a truck driver — I guess

people would say I'm a natural-born constituent of the Democratic Party." Mr. Wilson said.

But he is most definitely not. While still in college, at the University of Washington, Mr. Wilson set his political course by going to work for Mr. Dole as a summer intern. He is now by going to work for Mr. Dole as a summer intern. He is now the Kansas senator's legislative assistant for telecommunications, education and Indian affairs.

The ascendancy of Mr. Wilson and his eager young partisans is a familiar phenomenon to their Democratic counterparts, many of whom hold bittersweet memories of riding the crest of another wave that swept over this town not so long ago, the Clinton campaign.

For Clinton, California's Climate is Chilly

WASHINGTON — No matter what chill winds blew elsewhere, President Bill Clinton could count on warm greet-

ings in California during his first two years in office.

But for Mr. Clinton, who arrived in California on Monday to inspect recent flood damage and year-old earthquake-cleanup work, the temperature has fallen several degrees. Entering the crucial year before his re-election bid, his allies in California are beleaguered; his nemesis, Governor Pete

Wilson, a Republican, is newly empowered.

During his two-day visit, Mr. Clinton will spend most of his time inspecting federal disaster-relief work, which seems to have done much to bolster the president's status among Californians

While California Democrats lost only three seats in the House and narrowly retained Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat, the Republican electoral wave turned out California Democrats perched atop a series of powerful congressional committees. As Democratic strength waned, Mr. Wilson's grew. He is now a presumed presidential candidate for 1996, which has given him a greater ability to attract national media attention wherever he chooses to pounce.

Senate Tries to Chase Own Budget Blues

WASHINGTON - When it comes to budget cutting, even Republicans get the blues. Especially when the budget they're trying to cut is the \$111.6 million that the Senate uses to conduct its committee business.

In the spirit of the Republicans' congressional revolution, the Senate has decided to slice this number by 15 percent, and In the spirit of fairness, the Rules Committee has decided that each of the Senate's 19 committees should lop their budgets

by exactly that percentage.

But last week James W. Nance, the retired navy admiral who is the staff director for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggested that the Rules Committee "do a little analysis of productivity" to determine who's "getting the most miles to the gallon."

Mr. Nance has done some homework and has discovered that available data suggest that the Foreign Relations Committee is the hardest-working outfit on the block. Never mind that the committee hasn't passed a foreign aid authorization bill since 1985. Mr. Nance has massaged the Rules Commit-tee's own "Workload Productivity Report" to develop a rating for committees and has given Foreign Relations a grade of "12," lowest and therefore best, in the Senate.

Chances are that the Rules Committee, which has the thankless job of supervising operation of the Senate, will have to do a little homework of its own to get up to Mr. Nance's speed. Even after repeated phone calls, Rules Committee spokesmen were still having trouble determining what the "Workload Productivity Report" was. (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Republican of Kan-sas, on her ambivalence about a Republican-sponsored proposal for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution:
"The balanced budget amendment isn't going to reduce the deficit by one cent. But I also realize that somehow it may be like the Prohibition amendment. We may have to just get it out of our system. Prohibition didn't stop drinking." (LAT)

Clinton Takes On Gingrich Over National Service Jobs

Clinton scoffed Monday at Republican criticism of his nation- state on Tuesday. al service program, a corner-stone initiative that he said represents everything I want

Mr. Clinton responded to criticism by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, who called Mr. Clinton's program "coerced volun-

Commemorating the Rever-end Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in an outdoor address, Mr. Clinton defended his program to draw youths to community service with promises of educational grants and stipends, but he did not mention Mr. Gingrich by name. "It represents everything I want to do," Mr. Clinton said

of the program.

The president marked King Day here before heading to Cal-

The Associated Press
DENVER — President Bill to his re-election prospects. He linton scoffed Monday at Relinton scoffed Monday at Rewill survey flood damage in the

vocally opposed" to the national service program. "It's coerced volunteerism," he said.

is the umbrella organization for dozens of old and new public service programs pulled together by legislation passed with bi-partisan support last year. The main program, AmeriCorps, offers college grants and stipends for 20,000 Americans — mostly youths - working at government-approved community ser-

The White House was eager to trumpet Mr. Gingrich's criticism of a program it views as beneficial to the middle class.

In a magazine interview, Mr. Gingrich said he was "unequi-

Susan Smith, the woman who confessed to drowning her two "It's gimmickry." The national service initiative

vice programs. It will cost \$500

million this year.

South Carolina Mother Formally Charged With Murder

UNION, South Carolina --April 24.

young sons last October, stood silent and trembling on Monday as prosecutors said they would seek the death penalty The prosecutor, Tommy Pope, told the court that the her hands.

state is seeking to execute Mrs. Smith because she is accused of stood mute and entered a not two murders and because the victims were under the age of

South Carolina carries out the death sentence by electrocu-

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next to her attorney, start on stoplight in Union. She said the

former secretary, was formally charged during the hearing. Mrs. Smith, a 23-year-old When the judge asked for her plea, the young mother re-mained silent and began to shake, shielding her eyes with

The court noted that she guilty plea on her behalf.

Mrs. Smith is charged with the drowning of her sons, Michael, 3, and Alex, 14 months, in late October.

man then made her drive about Northern California have created a toxic mess and sent it flow-

After nine days of tearful pleas to a national media audi-ence, the hoax unraveled and Mrs. Smith confessed on Nov. 3 that she had pushed her car down a nearby boat ramp into a lake. The car was retrieved with the boys still strapped in the

Department of Corrections in Mr. Pope read a statement in Mrs. Smith, who is white, Columbia, South Caronna, or the chemicals into the read accorded a story about a black wrote that she had both finance, about 25 kilometers (15 miles) away. Columbia, South Carolina, of the chemicals into the Pacif-Mrs. Smith, who was seated man hijacking her car while at a cial and personal difficulties.

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California Floods

Leave Toxic Mess

The Associated Press GUERNEVILLE, California

- Downpours and floods in ing into the Pacific Ocean, washing up on beaches and endangering salmon runs, officials said.

Toxic fumes overcame two workers Sunday as they helped clean up around the Russian River, which was polluted by household cleaners and other hazardous materials carried by floodwaters. Workers donned protective clothing and gas In her confession statement masks to remove poisons such Mrs. Smith, who is being held in a cell by herself at the state and other materials.

The river was carrying som

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics agrees that some changes in how it figures the CPI may make sense. Kath-arine G. Abraham, commissioner of the bureau, said the CPI probably overstates the true rate of inflation, but by considerably less than some of its critics have argued. She said her agen-cy made some changes in the index last

'I certainly agree with the speaker." Mrs. Abraham said in a telephone in-terview on Sunday. "If there were a bunch of bureaucrats sitting there saying, 'We know how to fix it but we won't do it.' I would want to zero them out, too. But that is not the case." She said that she would be reluctant to make major changes in the CPI until

there was a consensus among policy-makers and private-sector users that the changes are appropriate.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Sunday that recalculating the index in a way that would help reduce the deficit is "a nice idea, and easy answers are always nice." But Mr. Rubin, who also appeared on the broad-cast interview show, defended the Bureau of Labor Statistics as "very proficient, very professional."

The CPI is important for the budget because a version of it is used to calculate changes in a number of federal programs, including Social Security benefits, to offset the impact of rising prices. The index is also used to adjust personal income tax brackets and the size of personal exemptions.

Rebels Meet **Delegates** Of Mexico For Talks

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico - Peasant rebel leaders have met with representatives of President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León for the first formal negotiations in almost a year to end the uprising in the southern state of Chia-

Despite a dramatic air to the encounter, which was held at a rebel stronghold in the Lacandon rain forest and announced in this outlying city only as it got under way on Sunday, hopes for peace were tempered by conflicts over politics and land that have deepened even as the threat of new fighting has

Although the demands of the rebels range from economic support for poor farmers to the replacement of Mr. Zedillo's administration by a transitional government, they said in a statement before the talks began that they would focus only on "measures to defuse the hostile climate and distance the danger of armed clashes between the two armies."

The chief mediator in the dialogue, Roman Catholic Bishop Samuel Ruiz, said Sunday night that the two sides had held more than three hours of "frank, sincere" and "intense" discussions near the rebel capital of Guadalupe Tepeyac. He said the government's three representatives were led by Interior Minister Esteban Moctezuma, while the Zapatista National Liberation Army delegation was headed by the rebel leader, Subcommander Marcos.

Bishop Ruiz declined to provide details beyond suggesting that the talks were still prelimi-

The meeting comes five months after elections that ended hopes for an easing of tensions in the state, giving way instead to further polarization. While Zapatistas have backed away recently from their threats to break a cease-fire that has held for the last year, the prospects for a lasting peace have appeared to grow steadily more



cial Security recipients and others a handful of bureaucrats who, all pro-whose cost-of-living adjustments are fessional economists agree, have an

Amado Avendano, "governor in rebellion" of Chiapas State, giving the thumbs-up sign to well-wishers. He was declaring an area of a Mexico City park part of rebel-held territory.

Away From Politics

 The incidence of congestive heart failure more than doubled between 1982 and 1992, despite a 24.5 percent drop in deaths from all heart disease during the same period, according to the American Heart Association. The plane and pilot. disease, in which the heart muscle is overworked or damaged and unable to pump out after being swept from a collapsed footbridge all the blood that returns to it, accounted for 822,000 hospitalizations and 39,000 deaths in Lenoir, North Carolina. 1992, the association disclosed at a science

writers' seminar in Santa Barbara, California. The disease is on the rise because heart attack victims get better treatment and live long enough to develop it.

• The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts has died of an apparent selfinflicted gunshot wound. A friend discovered the body of Bishop David E. Johnson, 61, in the bishop's home in Framingham, Massa-

Two pesticides that were bauned as too hazardous for application on crops have been given new permits. In one case, U.S. officials quietly negotiated a deal to permit spraying of the powerful insecticide and nerve poison Phosdrin. In another, California regulators will allow resumed use of the worm-killing chemical Telone II. Both actions prompted an outcry from environmentalists and farm (LAT) worker groups.

• The bodies of all three members of a volum-

teer Civil Air Patrol search team have been found in the wreckage of their light plane in the San Gabriel Mountains east of Los Ange-les. They had been trying to find a missing

Lenoir, North Carolina

• California lawyers were paid \$16.3 billion for their services in 1992, far more than the total spent on legal fees in any other state, a U.S. Census Bureau survey found. New York lawyers earned the second highest amount: \$14.3 billion,

being reimbursed for the 140 trips they made

to his home in their private cars.

 Norman Schwarzkopf has been cleared by the Pentagon of allegations that he improperly benefited from the help of military officers Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Bailey and enlistees while he was working on a memoir. The retired army general commanded allied forces in the Gulf War. The Pentagon inspector-general found no improprieties in the assistance General Schwarzkopf received from three air force enlistees. But the report dated Dec. 23, 1994, concludes that an army major and a navy chief petty officer should not have made trips to his home at government expense, General Schwarzkopf said he was unaware that the officers were

Simpson Lawyers Dispute Appears Irreparable Between Bailey and Shapiro

By David Margolick New York Times Service

Bitter Row Divides

LOS ANGELES - As O.J. Simpson heads for trial this week on murder charges, an extraordinary and apparently irreparable breach has developed between two of his lawyers: Robert L. Shapiro and Mr. Shapiro's former mentor, F. Lee

The fend, which will be left to a third member of the defense team, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., to referee or resolve, is an embarrassing distraction, becoming public only days before opening statements, which are scheduled for Thursday.

It stems from the results of an internal investigation into disclosures to the press conducted by Mr. Simpson's main investigator, William Pavelic of Los

Angeles.
Mr. Pavelic concluded and reported to Mr. Simpson and other members of his legal team that for the past several months Mr. Bailey and his associates had engaged in a systematic and elaborate campaign of disclosures to the press, principally to columnists for Eastern papers, CNN and supermarket

The object, Mr. Pavelic concluded, was to denigrate Mr. Shapiro's legal skills and his ability to keep client confidences, and to enhance Mr. Bailey's modest role in the case.

But although Mr. Pavelic concluded that Mr. Bailey was distressed" that Mr. Shapiro stage-managing the campaign, others on the defense team were not so sure. They depicted Mr. Bailey's investigators as rogue elephants out to please their

have long been close friends. When Mr. Bailey was charged with drunken driving in 1982, he hired Mr. Shapiro to represent him. Mr. Shapiro, in turn, has described Mr. Bailey as his mentor and a father figure. But Mr. Pavelic's investiga-

tion concluded that Mr. Bailey me, I'm leaving that decision to and his entourage, including Mr. Cochran," he said.

three investigators he brought into the case, planted articles that Mr. Shapiro was more a negotiator than an aggressive trial lawyer and that he lacked courtroom experience.

It also blamed the Bailey

team for more recent reports' that Mr. Simpson had moved Mr. Shapiro aside and elevated Mr. Bailey and Mr. Cochran. The result is a chasm in Mr. Simpson's defense team. For the last three weeks, Mr. Shapiro has refused to speak with

Mr. Bailey and says he will never speak with him again. "The landmark word to me is:

Recent events have been so painful that we'll never be able to have a relationship again.' Robert Shapiro

'loyalty,' " Mr. Shapiro said in an interview. "I felt a lifelong commitment to him because he. gave me the opportunity to represent him when his professional reputation was at stake. But recent events have been so painful that we'll never be able to have a relationship again."

In Boston on Monday, Mr. Bailey said that he was "much would "air his woes through the media," The Associated Press reported. "This case is not about Mr. Shapiro or Mr. Bailey," Mr. Bailey said. "It's about O.J. Simpson, an innocent and wrongly accused In his comments, Mr. Sha-

piro said he hoped that Mr. Bailey would now leave the Simpson team. But the decision, he added, would not be his. "Because some of the false stories have had a personal impact on.

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Limits of On-Line Populism

Newt Gingrich, the new speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, plainly sees a populist theme in high technology. He has had a lot to say about the "small-d" democratic virtues of putting the government more on-line, and the other day he made a comment — hurriedly backed off later - about maybe giving poor people a tax credit to buy laptop computers.

That other people — from far else-

where on the political spectrum -- see cyberspace the same way became clear recently when James Love of the Taxpayer Assets Project, a consumer organiza-tion affiliated with Ralph Nader that tracks the opening up of governmental information on-line, distributed on the Internet a memo praising to the skies the Republican initiative on electronic information. Unaccustomed matchups are possible in electronic space, obviously. but this one is rich in indicators of possi-

ble mixing and matching to come.

There are all kinds of gradations in this, including the relationship between government and private providers of in-formation. The Library of Congress. when it announced its entry into cyberspace and more recently its "Thomas" service of basic congressional information, stressed it would provide only "plain vanilla" versions and would not compete with private companies that offer "value-added" versions of the same information enhanced with analyses, indexing and so forth. Mr. Gingrich, for his part, co-sponsored a 1993 law that re-

quired the Government Printing Office, or GPO, which distributes similar congressional information for a fee, to make it more readily available through public library "gateways" throughout the Unit-ed States. (The Washington Post, readers may know, owns a company that buys such information from the GPO and sells such "value-added" versions to clients.)

The public library gateway program is

said to be going very well, but the speak-er's comment about low-income people and laptops was a reminder of the serious point that needs to be kept in mind as this electronic version of populism keeps gaining speed. Computer networks and their "virtual" world, even if they are the wave of the future, remain for now a tiny province of society rather than a fullfledged universe. Numbers aren't totally reliable on this, but the trade publication Matrix News estimated in December that 27.5 million people in the world are on e-mail; 13.5 million people use what the researchers call the "consumer internet," with basic on-line services; and only 7.8 million have access to computers sophisticated enough to participate in the "core internet." This last requires users to have access to fancy services such as the World Wide Web, which is needed to reach most of the new governmental information services and commercial products.

The "virtual revolution" may make a good buzzword, but the real world shouldn't be allowed to slip off the screen. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Get Going on Intelligence

Micromanaging the Au Pair

Les Aspin, the former U.S. secretary of defense, has an opportunity to draw the blueprint for an overhaul of American intelligence agencies, but he must move quickly or lose the chance. More than two months have passed since Congress, impatient with the Clinton administration's lethargic efforts to review the operations and budgets of the intelligence services, created an outside commission to do the job. President Bill Clinton quickly selected Mr. Aspin to

run it. Not enough has happened since. Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress have appointed the eight members of the panel the legislature was authorized to select. Mr. Aspin and Mr. Clinton have yet to name eight others the White House gets to appoint. There is no staff director and no staff, and little sign that preparations are being made so the commission can get to work swiftly once the membership is set.

Mr. Aspin has been around Washington long enough to know that if the

States, which is supervised by the U.S.

Information Agency, was designed to en-

able foreign nationals aged 18 to 26

to enter the country on a cultural exchange

visa, live with a family for a year and

provide limited child-care services. Eight

private agencies run the program, select

and screen candidates (mostly young

women), place them with families and

monitor their stays. In addition to the

intercultural benefits on both sides, the

program is valued by many families be-

really want responsibility for this pro-

gram, which probably belongs elsewhere

in the government. But Congress has insisted not only that it retain this authority

until September, but that regulations

governing the operation be issued. Inter-

im final rules were published last month

and are to go into effect in about 30 days.

They are a case study in government

micromanagement (remember, no gov-

ernment money is involved here) that includes the following requirements:

· Au pair sponsors must take a week

• Only au pairs over the age of 21 with

Educational stipends of up to \$500

will have to be used for six hours

of college credit courses, instead of for

English classes or adult education

six months' infant care experience will be

allowed to care for children under 2

off from work and remain home when the

visitor first arrives.

The U.S. Information Agency doesn't

cause of the child-care factor.

commission falters it will be flattened. The Senate and House Intelligence Committees, under new Republican management eager to set the agenda, will ride right over it. While there is a fairly good history of bipartisan cooperation on the committees, the business of rethinking intelligence after the demise of the Soviet Union is best done by a high-powered commission that consults closely with Congress and the White House, but is not constricted by institutional interests.

Mr. Clinton and his aides may be preoccupied with the search for a director of central intelligence to replace R. James Woolsey, who turned in his key last week, but that need not delay activation of the commission. Mr. Aspin says he has been busy picking members and touching bases. If the panel is to conduct the kind of searching reconsideration that is necessary, and complete it by the March 1996 deadline set by Congress, it must get started, now.

the au pair and the family at least once

arrangements, but life isn't like that.

Congress has put the USIA in a position

even the Labor Department would envy.

with the power to regulate not only wages, hours and paid vacation time but the kind

of bedroom a participant must be given

and the seminars an employer must at-tend. Imagine that kind of regulation of

domestic child-care employment. Rule-

making of this kind is certainly not within

the expertise of the government's cultural

exchange program, as the agency itself notes. These regulations should be made

more realistic, and the program, if it is to

be continued, should be under the supervi-

sion of some government entity more suit-

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-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NATO Expansion: The Need Is Dubious, the Risks Real

This is the first of two articles.

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — There is a strong consensus in the American for eign policy-making establishment and, to a lesser extent, in Western Europe that at least one or two and perhaps several Central European states should be made members of NATO at some point

in the not too distant future. Current U.S. and NATO policy embraces a gradualist approach. The expansion question will be studied this year.

American officials hope that talks on accession will begin in 1996 and that the alliance will begin to expand in 1997, 1998 or 1999. Some experts — including Zbigniew Brzezinski (IHT, Dec. 30) and Ronald Asmus (same date) -- believe NATO should move more quickly to extend membership to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

Both approaches are misguided. They fail to explain why NATO expansion is needed. And they underestimate the risks associated with expansion.

Why is NATO expansion needed? First, it is said that Russian aggression in Europe is likely if not inevitable. It is true that Russia has a long imperialist past, but it is also true that Russia does not now pose a military threat to Central Europe. As Mr. Brzezinski concedes, "Neither the alliance nor its prospective new members are facing any imminent threat." Even worst-case scenarios, he says, do not justify

talk of a Russian military threat. Significantly, Poland and Hungary are reducing military conscription and the Czech army is reducing its mechanized and infantry forces. These are not the actions of states worried about military threats.

Second, according to Mr. Asmus, NATO expansion is needed to stabilize "the East." "Malignant nationalism" is a potential problem. NATO must expand now, he argues, "before something goes wrong in the region. It is certainly true that the

Baltics, Ukraine, Moldova and the Balkans face tremendous instability and intense nationalistic problems. No one, however, is suggesting that NATO expand to these areas in the near future. The countries at the front of

the NATO queue - Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic are in fact stable. Ethnic violence, aggressive nationalism and border disputes are highly By Michael E. Brown

unlikely in this part of Europe. these states. NATO's demise and a German-Russian confron-The case for projecting stability tation could follow.

into this region is specious.

Third, it is said that NATO should extend membership to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic because these states will be unable to join the European Union for several years. NATO membership will reas-sure them about the West's intentions and help bridge the gap.

This is another specious argument. Although leaders in these countries will be disappointed if NATO membership is not forth-coming, this will not lead them to turn from Western Europe. As the Czech president, Vaciav Havel, has observed. We have always belonged to the western sphere of European civilization.' Fourth, it is said that if NATO fails to extend security guarantees to Germany's eastern neighbors, the "security vacuum" in the region will lead Germany to forge bilateral ties with

There is no doubt that this must be avoided. But it does not follow that NATO needs to expand now. Germany is not pushing for rapid expansion of NATO. Germany fears that an American urge to move quickly might trigger a Russian backlash. If Germany were worned about Russian aggression and a potential security vacuum in Central Europe, it would be urging the United States to move faster, not slower, on NATO expansion.

NATO expansion is needed be-cause the European Union and its military arm, the Western European Union, are expanding. If the West fails to coordinate these processes, says Mr. Brzezinski, the alliance "may disintegrate."

Fifth and last, it is said that

In the absence of a Russian threat, however, it makes little difference if some states have

would not throw NATO into particular disrepute.

In short, there is no compelling strategic or political rationale for NATO expansion at this time. The other great flaw in the case for NATO expansion is that it

underestimates the risks. Mr. Brzezinski argues, for example, that Russia's response will be muted so long as NATO troops are not deployed in the new member states and if a formal treaty is signed between NATO and Russia. This, he says, would convince Moscow that NATO expansion is "peaceful."

However NATO expansion is packaged, it will involve U.S. nuclear guarantees to states in Central Europe. This will be seen by many in Moscow as an aggressive act and it will strengthen the hands of radical Russian nationalists, many of whom reject democratic rule. A return to totalitarianism in Russia will be more ·likely. Even if reformers hang on to power, they will have to adopt

only WEU security commitments. Intraregional disputes In all probability, Russian leaders would interpret NATO expansion as a defineation of spheres of influence in Central Europe, and they would move to establish greater control over non-NATO areas. Russian ag-gression would be encouraged. not discouraged. Four countries would be brought into NATO, but eight — including the Baltic states — would be left out. Russian withdrawal from the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty is not inconceivable.

A new line would be drawn in Europe, a new Cold War could ensue, and the West would have only itself to blame.

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We Cannot Trust Russia, So Let the Alliance Grow

WASHINGTON — Should we Americans trust the Russians? That's the

central strategic question of our time. If your answer is yes, then it follows that bear regains both strength and appetite, the Washington should send Moscow aid; it should cluck-cluck about the savagery in putting down the Chechen reach for independence but discourage any secession from the vast Russian federation. And not only should NATO not be expanded eastward, we Americans should respond to the allies' abandonment of Bosnia by bringing home 110,000 American troops now defending Europe.

But if your answer is no - if you believe a resurgent Russia will someday again seek to dominate or reabsorb the nations of Eastern Europe - then you, as a realistic distruster, should support a much different strategy.

The distrusters would tie American trade and aid to Russian economic and foreignpolicy behavior; would lend vocal moral support to peoples within the world's largest empire that want to separate from the huge federation; and would swallow NATO's failure to respond to Serbian aggression for the sake of building collective security against a future threat from the East.

After much thumb-sucking, cognitive dissonance, and cussing out of the Europeans

That's encouraging; the sonance, and cussing out of the Europeans for their Balkan shame, I have come down sensibly internationalist and intends to be hard on the side of distrust.

That means supporting the expansion of eign arena. In getting specific about inclu-NATO while we have the chance — now. sion, however, my right-wing soul mates with Russia preoccupied. If we wait until the have made a dangerous mistake.

By William Safire

most vulnerable nations will never be protected - because at that time, faint hearts would see expansion as "provocative."

President Bill Clinton is waffling on this central issue. He talks the talk of protecting Poland and other states at potential risk, but walks the walk of not offending Boris Yeltsin by failing to set out a timetable for new membership. His amorphous Partnership for Peace muddles the waters.

What about the new conservative leadership of Congress? Does the old tug of distrust of the Russians outpull the older tug of isolationism? Evidently so. In a bill labeled H. R. 7, "to revitalize the national security of the United States," the shock troops of the Gingrich movement assert that "it should be the policy of the United States ... to continue the nation's commitment of an active leadership role in NATO" and that we should "facilitate the transition

of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia to full NATO membership not tough-minded in asserting itself in the for-

What about the Baltic nations? By treating Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania as second-class candidates for admission - only to be considered "at a future date" - the House bill condemns these independent states to the Russian sphere of influence. That was Roosevelt's error at Yalta.

Lest we forget, it was the courageous reach for freedom by the Baltic states that led to a murderous crackdown by Moscow's "black berets" exactly four years ago. Internal and external reaction to that repression triggered the breakup of the Soviet empire. For NATO to discriminate against the Baltic states out of a misplaced sensitivity to old, imperialist Soviet claims makes no

sense. It all but invites Russian hegemony. The Latvian foreign minister, Valdis Birkavs, was in Washington recently with a creative approach for those who worry about Russia's concern about a steady eastward march of NATO. His suggestion is a "checkerboard integration" — Poland plus Latvia, then the Czechs and Estonia, then Hungary and Lithuania - zigzag inclusion based on Western readiness criteria. (He does not mention Ukraine, which cannot with consistency be excluded.)

Congress should include the Baltics in its "revitalization and expansion of NATO" manifesto. In open debate during hearings on the bill, the Republicans can build popular backing for tomorrow's containment. The New York Times

From Bosnia to Chechnya, Violence in Peace's Name The au pair program in the United courses as is now common practice. Community counselors must contact

By Frederick Bonnart

 Host families must attend agency BRUSSELS — This year, in which we will mark the 50th sponsored workshops or seminars on cross-cultural matters every three months. The problem with the au pair program anniversary of the end of another is that it is neither fish nor fowl. Young war to end all wars, gives every sign of becoming one of violence and more violence. Often it is people abroad look on it as a way to see the United States, learn something, have those who preach peace who are responsible for the bloodshed. some fun, live safely and cheaply with a family and earn some spending money.

Families also see the cultural benefits but In the United States, two peoare at least equally interested in obtainple were murdered recently, allegedly by a "pro-life" activist, sim-ply because they were present at ing live-in, flexible and relatively inexpensive child care. Both parties look to the U.S. government to ensure perfect abortion clinics.

In Chechnya, the bloody Russian assault on Grozny continues. And a bill was introduced this month in the U.S. Senate calling for a lifting of the Bosnia arms embargo effective May 1. It may never become law but it has already done its damage. As a result, the Bosnian government will be training its forces to use the new arms it expects to receive. Then it will launch an offensive - leading to new damage and misery - to recapture the territory it considers its own in the ex-

pectation of NATO air support. Bosnian leaders will have been encouraged in this mistaken opinion by well-reasoned articles written by eminent columnists, including one who suggested that Serbian resistance to international decisions aimed at ending the war there could be dealt with by "flattening Belgrade," if neces-sary ("U.S. Cover in Bosnia Will Have to Be War," Opinion, Dec. 12, by Jim Hoagland).

Those who use such terms seem unaware of their significance. Air raids on Belgrade would not only cause immense damage to an ancient city but thousands of casugrabbed by the government.

ry's lessons. It is commonly ac-

alties. Most of these would be women, children and old people, but perhaps also the brave journalists who are trying to save the remaining independent publications in Serbia from being We have failed to learn histo-

cepted that the vast strategic

Try a Little Less Understanding, Please



Boris, why don't y'all declare victory and go home?'

bombing campaigns on civilian targets carried out by both sides in World War II, which caused hundreds of thousands of deaths, not only failed to achieve their objectives but were counterproductive. Terror bombing, in any case, has been made a war crime. It cannot be justified as a means

that there would be far less ter-

rorism, tree-spiking and pot-shotting at abortion clinics if the

partisans of the extremists

learned to say: We won't tolerate

certain behavior from our own

allies. Nor, he insists, is it merely

a matter of paralyzing squea-mishness. Rejecting one's own

extremists can also help create

the conditions for dialogue and

negotiation — and change.
Which raises an interesting

point. It is my belief (not necessar-

to enforce the will of the international community, however benevolent the final aim. Before recommending international solutions by force, opinion leaders should reflect on the reality

of its application. Since May 1945. there have been only two major instances of successful use of force by the international community. One was in Korea from 1950 to 1953, and the other in the Gulf, in 1991. Both were American-led and had the full support of the international community. No such consensus for action exists in the case of the Yugoslav crisis.

And there is a greater danger: If the United States were to embark unilaterally on international actions that its allies cannot accept, this could lead to the disintegration of the Western democratic community. The lifting of the Bosnian arms embargo and the supply of arms by the United States would be such an action.

The cohesion of NATO has already been tested severely by the disappearance of an immediate common threat. It should not be further shaken by emotion-driven decisions that have no possibility of achieving their aim. War brutalizes its participants.

Almost inevitably, it is the worst way of settling disputes between groups. If, at this stage of the development of civilization, it cannot be excluded, then it must be understood to be a means of last resort. Force should be applied only if

all other options have been fully exhausted. It must then be applied wisely to ensure the rapid and least costly achievement of a clear and generally accepted aim.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Tallying the Troops YOKOHAMA - The native

press publishes a telegram from Kaiping according to which a Japanese scouting party which has been sent out, reports that 400 Chinese troops are at Rhtaohotsu, 300 at Laowehio and 1,000 at Tokwatotsu. Chinese prisoners report that 400 mines have been laid at Yingkow.

1920: Appeal for Modesty

PARIS - Protests have been numerous of late in Paris against the present tendency of women's fashions to favor exaggerated styles in low-cut dresses, short skirts and other vagaries. The appeal, being issued to department stores and dressmaking firms by the "Union des Oeuvres Feminine." asks for the suppression of certain objectionable fashions now in vogue and demands that:

"(1) excessive shortness of skirts and the abuse of transparent ma-terials be abolished and (2) all low-cut styles and other vulgar tendencies be replaced by simple and graceful designs which give a note of real distinction."

1945: One Per Marquee WASHINGTON - All brightly

lighted outdoor signs and illumination must be eliminated beginning February 1 throughout the nation, to conserve coal and oil for essential war use, the War Production Board ordered in Washington yesterday [Jan. 16]. The country-wide power cut affects particularly New York's amusement business areas by lim-iting the lights in identification signs and marquees to a maximum of sixty watts, or one bulb. to each marquee. The new regulations are expected to save 2,000,000 tons of coal annually.

Other Comment

New Necessities in Italy

Without [Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconil, a long list of issues concerning political ethics would never have emerged. First is the idea that whoever wins the elections should govern. If this is firmly implanted, it is because Mr. Berlusconi has divided the electorate in two: either with me or against me. Second is the reform for direct

election of the head of the executive. When asked who would be prime minister in case of victory, he said "me" immediately, giving citizens the idea they were no longer voting for a party, but for a leader. Third is the issue of rules, for example the antitrust rules. Thanks to Mr. Berlusconi we have new necessities. Even if he did not want them, the fact that they exist is positive.

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By William Raspberry

WASHINGTON — Robert Theobald, the futurist, has a surprising candidate for the title 'most dangerous phrase.'
It is: "I understand."

As in "I understand" why some inner city teenagers are so violent, or why some animal rights advocates attack fur-wearing women, or why some right-to-lifers kill abortionists.
Understanding unacceptable

behavior encourages unacceptable behavior, he says. The result is destruction of community, of civility and even of conversation that could lead to the solution of mutual problems.
"Oh, we're quite capable of

censuring the attitudes of those on the other side," he explains.
"I mean we keep saying, 'Isn't it
outrageous that they do this sort of thing? My point is that we've got to learn to reject our own

Mr. Theobald, who was born in India 65 years ago, grew up in Britain and now lives in New Orleans, says the importance of each side reining in its own extremists occurred to him while he was thinking about the violence in Northern Ireland.

There just aren't that many hard-core IRA people," he said. Certainly not enough to sustain the level of terrorism and violence we've seen. But there is a significant number of people who say, 'I wouldn't do that, but I understand why they do.' And that understanding gives them the politi-

cal and moral cover they need." The principle applies domestically as well. "Suppose you are an environ-

mentalist, and you're dismayed by the fact that your movement isn't having the effect you'd hoped. It's easy to find yourself 'understand-ing' — though, of course, not condoning - the people who go out and spike trees to protect them from loggers." (Loggers' chain saws hit the hidden spikes and fly apart, with deadly force.)
Those who make their living in

the timber industry are, of course, outraged at such tactics. Mr. Theobald's point is that committed environmentalists must also be outraged — and in unmistakable terms. "I understand' is a green light."

But it isn't just outrageous behavior that must be circumscribed, says Mr. Theobald. So must the outrageous rhetoric that precipitates the behavior. Treespiking seems less unreasonable when it happens in the context of a rhetoric that equates the harvesting of forests with the destruction of life on the planet. Shooting abortionists becomes very nearly logical if you accept the rhetoric that abortion is murder of innocent children. Would you consider it wrong to shoot a madman who was poised to lob a

grenade into a kindergarten? It is Mr. Theobald's notion

ily Mr. Theobald's) that extremism is most likely to be the work of those pessimists who have given up on the possibility that their view will prevail. If you believe in the reasonableness of your position, you are likely to spend time trying to persuade your opponents and per-haps meet them halfway.

Activists who are convinced of both the rightness and the futility of their campaigns are freed of the necessity of acting responsibly. They can indulge in outrageous rhetoric and outrageous behavior, not caring at all what their oppo-nents think or they are rendering the problem more intractable. It is the optimists - the people

who believe that the cause is right and can, through reason and negotiation, be made to prevail - who have to pass up the temptation to provide the extremists on their side the comfort of Bob Theobaid's "most dangerous phrase": 'l understand.'

Washington Post Writers Group.

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Plenty of Important Work For the Truth Commission

By Anthony Lewis

South Africa — In a bleak cemetery at the edge of town there is a gravestone marked, "Bantu Steven Biko: Born Dec. 18, 1946. died Sept. 9, 1977."

Steve Biko was a brilliant intellectual leader of the Black Consciousness movement, the most respected young anti-apartheid figure of his time; his friends, black and white, thought that someday he would lead a new South Africa. He died of massive brain injuries while in the hands of the security police.

When I left that graveyard. I thought to myself that I could not

South Africa's terrible past cannot be raked over forever. But how can one

overlook such crimes?

forgive the murderers of Steve Biko. It is true that South Africa needs reconciliation — that the terrible past cannot be raked over forever. But how can one overlook such a crime? To seek a measure of justice with healing, the South African govern-

ment is creating a Commission for

Truth and Reconciliation.

It will carry out a mandate of the new constitution to provide "un-derstanding but not vengeance" for gross violations of human rights in the past, "reparation but not retaliation." The commission will have investigators and subpoena power to compel testimony about torture and killing in the apartheid years. It will be able to give present or former officials immunity from prosecution, but only if they admit to what they did.

Some National Party members of the national unity government, no-tably former President (now deputy president) Frederik de Klerk, objected to the Truth Commission. But when the draft bill was modified to let amnesty proceedings be held in private, it won cabinet approval by consensus. Parliament is expected to pass it soon. Critics fear that the Truth Commission will stir up old hatreds. But the minister of justice, Dullah Omar, disagrees. "Suppressing the truth will not help reconciliation," he said in an interview. "Failure to deal with the gross abuses of the apartheid era will only lead to festering of those wounds.

Mr. Omar said he had no illusion that any commission could uncover all the facts of individual cases. So

many people "fell" from the 11th floor of police headquarters or were gunned down on lonely roads or just disappeared. But the pattern of the measures used to crush opponents of apartheid could be exposed.

In the case of Steve Biko, there can

be no doubt of the responsibility for his murder. He was in prison, under the control of the security police, when he suffered the blows to the head that killed him. But no court, no inquiry has ever made a finding of responsibility. "Up till now South Africa has not officially acknowledged what was done," Mr. Omar said, and it would make a difference if the Truth Commission did. "Neither the Biko family nor others have asked for revenge," he said. "What they want is to know the truth."

Mr. Omar himself was detained without trial in 1985. He was taking pills for a heart condition. When the police gave him pills, he noticed that they were different from his usual medication - and did not take them. He still does not know whether the switch was an attempt on his life.

In Chile, after the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet, he and others in the military were protected from prosecution by a blanket amnesty. But relatives of people who disappeared, still anguished, are challenging the amnesty.

The South African police asked the new government for such a mass amnesty - without making individuals disclose what they did. Mr. Omar rejected that approach. "I have no right to forgive on behalf of victims," he said.

Then, last week, it was discovered that the old white government, just before it went out of office last April, granted immunity from prosecution to 3,500 police officers and to the police commissioner and the former ministers of defense and of law and order. The last, Adriaan Vlok, has been accused of involve-ment in the 1988 bombing of the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches, but police officials said they could not investigate

because he had been given amnesty.

The courts will probably have to determine the scope and lawfulness or those amnesties. But the uproar aroused by their disclosure showed the danger of blanket indemnity without acknowledgment of wrong. The new South Africa is so far

remarkably free of bitterness. It is important to maintain that atmosphere. But as in other countries with horrors in their past, it is also important to feel and express shame.

The New York Times.

Time for Some Victorian Ideas

been programmed to type "Dickensian orphanages" as if with a single stroke of the key. George Stephanopoulos proposed sending copies of "Oliver Twist" to all Republican members of Congress. For journalists, "Victorian" has been the pre-ferred invective. The word "orphanages." Newsweek said in its cover story on that subject, "sticks in the craw" and "evokes the moral hypocrisies of the Victorian Age."

When Newt Gingrich first uttered that dreaded word on television, the Democratic Party and the liberal press pounced with glee: "Dickensian orphanages" were the Republicans' solution to the problem of poverty. When Hillary Rodham Clinton denounced any plan to put children of poor, unwed mothers into orphanages as "unbelievable and absurd," Mr. Gingrich suggested that she rent a video of the 1938 Mickey Rooney-Spencer Tracy film about Boys Town, whereupon he was accused of confusing reality with "Hollywood illusion."

By this time, the affair began to recall the "Murphy Brown" brouhaha precipitated by Dan Quayle, who as vice president criticized the television serial for glamorizing unwed motherhood and was jeered for taking a sitcom so seriously.

In one respect the two episodes are significantly different. It took a full year for Bill Clinton to admit publicly that Mr. Quayle had been right about family values. It took only a few weeks for the liberal press -although not yet the president to concede that there might be

something in the orphanage idea. Even Newsweck's cover story admitted there is much to be said for

small, family-type group homes like Boys Town - which, its readers may have been surprised to find, not only still exists but has been expand-ed and improved. Elsewhere such reputable scholars as the social scientist James Q. Wilson have analyzed the problem of abandoned and abused children and concluded that something like orphanages is a necessary alternative to dysfunctional or nonexistent families.

Orphanages are, to be sure, far more expensive than conventional relief. But the cost is not so excessive when compared with that of prisons,

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hospitals and asylums in which some of these children might otherwise spend a good part of their adult lives, to say nothing of the cost of the crime, delinquency, illiteracy and other social ills that these children might inflict on society.

Moreover, orphanages are only a small part of any welfare system an agency of last resort. The aim of welfare reform is not to institutionalize huge numbers of children but to create the conditions in which fewer children require such care.

When even so unimpeachable liberal as the columnist Mary McGrory decided that "an institution is better than a crack house or a life on the street," we clearly reached a new stage in the debate. She also warned liberals not to repeat the mistake they made when they "cackled and sneered" at Mr. Quayle for his Murohy Brown speech.

Now that we are ready to recon-

WASHINGTON — Computers all over the United States have been programmed to type "Dickenredolent of "Victorianism."

For starters, we might recognize that Victorian England was not nearly as "Dickensian" as Dickens's novels would have us believe. As John Ruskin, himself something of a socialist, said: "It is Dickens's delight in grotesque and rich exaggeration which has made him, I think, nearly useless in the present day."

Even the orphanage in "Oliver Twist" housed only 20 or 30 children, not the hundreds one might imagine. And while the real version was often miserable enough, it was not quite as miserable as the fictional one. Long before Dickens's day. reformers had tried to alleviate the situation by farming out infants to nursing mothers in the country. And throughout the Victorian period. private institutions were generally more humane than the public ones.

While we are rediscovering orphanages - under such euphemisms as group homes, boarding schools or congregate care - we might rediscover other Victorian ideas — about welfare, for example.

Confronted with a growing welfare population, the Victorians (pre-Victorians, actually — this was three charity would step in to help unwed years before Queen Victoria ascend-mothers who would no longer reed the throne) enacted a New Poor Law based upon the principle of "less eligibility." The condition of the "able-bodied pauper" (the principle did not apply to widows, children or the aged) was to be "less eligible" — less desirable — than that of the "independent laborer," thus encouraging the laborer to retain his independence rather than lapse into pauperism.



NEWT GINGRICH, PROP

Victorian principle: charity. Foreigners visiting England in the 19th century commented on the extraor-dinary variety of philanthropic organizations, the large sums dis-pensed by private charities and the misfortune. It was a moral obligation and a civic duty.

One was reminded of this when President George Bush's "1,000 points of light" campaign was greeted with disdain by sophisticated journalists — and more recently when Mr. Gingrich remarked that mothers who would no longer receive relief, and his interviewer sneered at so retrograde an idea. Yet charities thrive in America, without the imprimatur of pundits.

Or we might rediscover the ideas of cleanliness and orderliness, which the debate on orphanages. Victorians elevated to the level of virtues. These ideas appear in the recent reminiscences of American orphans, who recall, not resentfully. or we might rediscover another the tidy quarters they inhabited, the Modern Values." She contributed the floors washed and polished, shoes comment to The New York Times.

lined up as in military formation, precise timetables for meals, study, chores, recreation. Or we might rediscover, as News-

week has, the idea of shame. "The Name of the Game Is Shame" is the unstinting time and energy contrib-uted by individuals. For the Vic-torians, charity was more than a over, we are told, even if some libermeans of alleviating poverty and als are loathe to acknowledge it. The "line between right and wrong" must be drawn sharply, and one way to do that is to make illegitimacy shameful. And if shame, cleanliness and charity are rediscovered, can that other Victorian virtue, chastity, be far behind? That, to be sure, is the most farfetched idea of all. But the extraordinary success of William Bennett's "Book of Virtues" may tempt one to believe that a revival of even that virtue is not outside the realm of possibility.

It is such fanciful, utterly Victorian ideas that may be provoked by

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Russia Breaks the Rules

Western governments have deserted the democratic forces in Russia by treating the military intervention in Chechnya as an "internal affair." And they have jeopardized

national minorities. And it has vio-

the set of international agreements that was meant to make for a safer and freer place to live. The Russian government has blatantly violated the rules of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (formerly the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) regarding hu-

lated the agreements on conventional forces in Europe.

This is not an internal matter. That was made clear in the Helsinki document of 1992, when the heads of states and governments of the CSCE - including President Boris Yeltsin of Russia - signed a pledge on common values. In Article 8 of that declaration, it was stated that the obligations within the human dimension of the CSCE are of "di-

participating states," and "not ex-clusively an internal affair." By failing to react strongly to man rights and the treatment of Russia's violation of rules to which it has committed itself, other gov. who has been married for a long

rect and legitimate interest of all

ernments are undermining these rules. If this question is left blowing in the wind, Europe will not be a safer place in which to live.

Hellerup, Denmark. The writer is president of the Danish Liberal Party and a former foreign A Step Against War Crimes

UFFE ELLEMANN-JENSEN.

minister of Denmark. J. Brauner (Letters, Jan. 12) attempts to justify the genocide in Chechnya on the grounds that

Regarding my article. "UN Foot-Dragging Could Make a Sham of the War Crimes Tribunal" (Opinion, Dec. 21, 1994). I am pleased to report that the United Nations has Chechnya has been part of Russia for very long. It cannot legitimately break away unilaterally." This is now approved full funding for the Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal for January through March of 1995. Of the \$28.4 million requested by the analogous to saying that a woman

her intention for a divorce.

DANYLO H. STRUK.

Sarcelles, France.

time cannot leave her husband, and UN Secretariat for all of 1995. that he has every right to beat her the UN budget committees approved senseless if she as much as declares \$7 million for the first quarter.

As important as this is, supporters of the tribunal are realistic. We recognize that full funding for only three months does not solve the financial problems facing Justice Goldstone and his team. The UN budget committees will be taking up in February and March what to do about the tribunal's funding for the rest of 1995. Funding for the Yugoslavia tribunal will continue to be an important issue throughout the year.

> THOMAS S. WARRICK. Washington.

In anticipation of a united Europe, we created a united European bank.





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By Paul Taylor

Washington Past Service
EAST LONDON, South Africa

that he was there, he dreaded leaving.

ame fate.

The shy 19-year-old student was

The infections arise when traditional

surgeons wash their knives or axes with

polluted water, or when they use the

same unsterilized instrument on more

than one initiate in the ancient coming-

of-age ritual. In extreme cases, infection

Mr. Gusha, a member of the Xhosa

infection. His problem will worsen

when he returns to his circumcision

womes that he will be seen as having

cracked under the strain that is meant to

lead to amputation or death.

being treated because his penis became

Anti-Terror Tactics Stir Anger in Egypt **Hundreds of Villagers Arrested**

By John Lancaster

Washington Post Service MAHRIS, Egypt — By some indicators, the government's three-year-old campaign against violent Muslim extremists took a turn for the better in 1994. Casualties leveled off. tourism started to rebound and alm returned to Cairo. charges, according to human-rights workers and residents. calm returned to Cairo.

farm village in the Nile Valley look like a war zone one recent விernoon?

After the execution-style backed by armored personnel carriers enforced a dusk-todawn curfew. Several houses lay in ruins, bulldozed by gov-erament troops because their occupants were suspected to include militants or their families. Schools were closed, residents were barred from leaving and utilities were cut each day until

8 P.M., villagers said. "They are taking revenge on the people," said Mohammed Gamal, 33, a farmer with five children. "We had nothing to do with this."

Hounded from major cities and tourist centers by police tactics, the militants have gone to ground, staging hit-and-run attacks on police from sugar-cane fields and villages like this one in rural Minya Province. about 260 kilometers (160 miles) south of Cairo.

In a conflict that bears growing resemblance to low-intensity guerrilla war, militants in

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bulldozed 9 hectares (22 acres)

On Sunday, the Palestinians

With their diggings and ex-

propriations, the Israelis are

trying to create facts on the

ground before the next stage of

autonomy," said Khader Alem,

who belongs to a Palestinian

committee on land and water

use. In Safa, Mr. Alem said,

land belonging to villagers is

cred duty to protect threatened

land by planting on it and de-

We have a national and sa-

targeted for confiscation.

fending it," he said.

and put a fence around them.

took their turn.

Minya have killed or wounded at least 60 police officers and conscripts since last spring.

In response to deteriorating security conditions in Minya. the government has cracked down, arresting hundreds of villagers and detaining them in open-air camps without formal

have yet to be called in, government tactics resemble those of a military counterinsurgency slaying of eight policemen near campaign: burning cane fields here on Jan. 2, security forces used by militants as cover and, in at least one case, bulldozing houses of suspects and their families.

Such methods have done little to endear the government to its rural constituents in Minya, which like most of Upper Egypt suffers from soaring unemploy-ment, inadequate health care and education, and a lack of

The police policy of group punishment has produced the opposite of what was intendsaid Fathalla Khafagy. who represents the independent Egyptian Organization for Human Rights in Mallawi, Minya's second-largest city, and heads the local chapter of the

opposition Nasserite Party.
"This is not, in the first degree, a security problem." he said. "It is political, economic and social.

"This also explains why the citizens are not standing next to the police to confront these search group.

Palestinian elections and a

population centers are at the

heart of the next phase of the

transition to autonomy. The

prospect of withdrawing troops

has made Israeli leaders fear for

the safety of Jewish settlers.

who are supposed to stav where

they are until the territories' fi-

nal status is negotiated, starting

Increasingly, it seems likely

that Israeli soldiers will remain

behind in some Palestinian cit-

ies and towns - in Hebron al-

most certainly - but the situa-

in May 1996.



groups," he added. "This is guerrilla warfare."

Minya's sugarcane war is the latest chapter in a conflict that dates to 1991, when members of the shadowy, outlawed Islamic Group began their violent campaign to topple the regime of President Hosni Mubarak.

The violence has prompted dark comparisons with the Islamic insurrection in Algeria, where up to 30,000 people have died, and raised fears about the stability of one of the most important U.S. allies in the Middle East.

Such fears have not been borne out by events, in part because of improvements in communication, coordination and intelligence-gathering by government security forces, according to Western diplomats. These improvements have enabled the government to track down and arrest a number of key militant leaders, disrupt their sources of outside financial support and, in some cases, preempt planned operations,

diplomats say. Nationwide, the death toll in the conflict has stopped its upward climb, dipping slightly from 332 in 1993 to 304 last year, according to statistics compiled by the Ibn Khaldoun Center in Cairo, a nonprofit re-

TREES: On West Bank, Enemies Stake Their Territory after a meeting scheduled for Thursday between Mr. Rabin companion withdrawal of Is-raeli forces from West Bank and Yasser Arafat.

In the meantime, settlers sense that their future is getting snaky. They have begun taking a more confrontational stance toward both Palestinians and the Rabin government.

They attack Mr. Rabin, but he has not fully shown himself to be the enemy they claim him to be. His anti-settlement stand has been selective. On one hand, he has greatly reduced government-financed construction, as pledged in his 1992 election campaign. But he has not tion may not become clear until stopped private building.

South African medicine: how to operate in the awkward intersections between tradition and modernity in a changing Lulamile Gusha did not want to go to tradition and modernity in a changing the hospital in the first place. But now

Very cautiously," said Walter Makhonjwa, a public health official who has been trying for years to teach ingcibi (traditional surgeons) to sterilize their infected during a tribal circumcision ceremony. Each year at this time, hunknives and to use a different knife for each initiate. "Modern medicine has a role to play in circumcision, but it's a cumcision at 16: dreds — perhaps thousands — of teenage males in South Africa suffer the back-seat role. We don't want to dilute

anybody's custom.' About half of South Africa's 10 black tribes practice teenage circumcision, and Xhosas attach great significance to the ceremony. An uncircumcised Xhosa male cannot inherit his father's possessions, establish a family or officiate at tribal events. He is not considered a man, but an unclean dog. tribe, escaped with a relatively minor

"If the people of my township discovered someone my age who was uncir-cumcised," said Mr. Makhonjwa, 62, school for the feast marking the end of his three-week manhood rite. Because he they would take him "to the bush and

do it straight away."
The modern Xhosa circumcision ritusought modern medical treatment, he al calls for teenage males to live for up to three weeks in temporary huts made of "I'm going to be called names," he said. "But after all, it is my health." emmunity. During their seclusion, they

with an assegai — a traditional spear — and without anesthetic. It is meant as a test of bravery.

In "Long Walk to Freedom," Nelson Mandela's recently published autobiography. South Africa's most famous Xhosa recalls the tribulation of his cir-

"Without a word he took my foreskin, pulled it forward, and then, in a single motion, brought down his assegai. I felt as if fire was shooting through my veins; the pain was so intense that I buried my chin in my chest.

"Many seconds seemed to pass before I remembered the cry, and then I recovered and called out, 'Ndiyindoda!' — I am indeed a man!

After the surgery, the severed foreskin is buried in an antivil, to be eaten before wizards can use it for evil purposes, according to customary belief. Then a male nurse dresses the wound with healing herbs and covers it with corn leaves

and a leather thong. For the first week after the circumcision, the initiate drinks as little liquid as

Mr. Gusha's dilemma is also that of receive lectures from tribal ciders and other outh African medicines hours and covers stock fights and other outh African medicines hours and covers and other outh African medicines hours and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights and other outhout a stock fights are stock fights. himself with white clay to signify punity He also wears nothing but a blanket for clothing. After eight days, his villagers throw a ceremony marking his entrance into manhood. His old clothes, utensik and hut are burned, and he is feted with

Last year Mr. Makhoniwa organized a conference of 150 nurses and tradi-tional leaders. He offered free knives and sterilizing solution and urged that initiates be tested beforehand for AIDS and venereal diseases. And he arged communities to stop ostracizing initiates

who have to be hospitalized.

The education campaign seems to have had some impact. In December summer in South Africa and the busiest month for circumcision schools - hospitals in this Xhosa-dominated region around East London admitted 89 boys with infected penies, compared with 129 the previous December. Of these, 6 boys died, down from 12 previous year.

But the problem continues to intensify in other regions. In one Northern Transvaal village, home of the Pedi tribe, five initiates died last year when polluted water was used to stop the bleeding from their circumcision

DOLCE:

austerity.

Italy's Sweet Life

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lieves in its creed of economic

Like any good central bank-er, Mr. Dim has vowed to lead a

government of no-nonsense

government of no-nonsense technocrats who will restore discipline to the economy.

"For so long, we've had givernments that tried to please everybody," said Sergio Romano, a former diplomat who is now a leading political com-

now a leading political com-mentator. "Now maybe it's

good that we will have a govern-

ment that tries to please no-body, which is basically what

As Treasury minister, Mr.

Dini was the principal architect

of Mr. Berlusconi's economic

reforms, most of which had to

be put on hold because of fierce

public opposition. The pain in-

volved in trimming generous pensions and other social perks

also was anathema to the ever-

smiling Mr. Berlusconi, who

was nicknamed The Great Se-

ducer for his pie-in-the-sky

promises to create a million

new jobs through a new Italian

Based on the Berluscom ex-

perience, Mr. Dini's chances of

persuading Italians to work

more for less pay and perqui-sites seem highly dubious. The country's "diario unico" allows many of the 3.6 million civil

servants to leave their jobs at

absenteeism is endemic, yet it is

virtually impossible to get fired. Public employees can qualify

for full pensions after 15 years

As in many other European

countries, six or seven weeks o

annual paid vacation are con-

sidered the minimum and week-

ends and holidays are sacro-

And even three years after

Milan's anti-graft magistrates

began unraveling a bribery

scandal that discredited much

of the country's political and business establishment, investi-

gators are finding that corrup-

tion and patronage are still con-

sidered normal business

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two in the afternoon. Even so,

economic miracle.

of service.

Dini says he intends to do."

U.S. Seeks to Mollify Russia Over NATO

By R. Jeffrey Smith and Daniel Williams

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Even as it steps up its pressure on Russia to end the war in Chechnya. the Clinton administration will try this week to neutralize Russia's opposition to potential ex-pansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by promising to open a new dialogue about how Russia could someday be affiliated with the Westem security organization, according to senior U.S. officials.

The effort on NATO responds to President Boris N. Yeltsin's testy warning in Budapest last month that allowing former Soviet satellites to join NATO soon could "sow seeds of mistrust" and plunge the region into a new "cold peace."

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said he intended to NATO expansion without ofpropose a new negotiating track fering Moscow the vote - or with Russia during a meeting in Geneva on Tuesday with Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev. Mr. Christopher also plans at that meeting to raise

U.S. concerns about the conduct of the war in Chechnya. Since Russian troops rolled into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to take on separatists, the Clinton administration has urged Mr. Yeltsin to quickly end the bloodshed and attacks on civilians but has stressed that the

conflict was an internal Russian A senior U.S. official said the Geneva meetings "will be exploratory discussions," adding that more meetings would probably be required.

NATO officials responded positively when they were briefed on the initiative 10 days earlier by the deputy secretary of state, Strobe Talbott, several diplomats said.

NATO's principal challenge in the new dialogue will be to ease Russia's concerns about veto - that Russian officials say they want in NATO policymaking on major matters such as Bosnia, U.S. officials said.

Washington wants to offer Moscow a new tie to NATO that falls far short of full membership while not undermining the U.S. claim that full membership might one day be feasi-ble, the officials said.

May Summit Sought in May Mr. Yeltsin has invited President Clinton to a summit meet-

ing in Moscow in May, despite increasing U.S. criticism of the Russian military campaign in Chechnya, the Associated Press reported. Mr. Yeltsin will not howev-

er, attend the meeting of the World Economic Forum in the Swiss resort of Davos this month. "In the current situation, President Boris Yeltsin does not consider that is possible to visit Davos," Itar-Tass

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Caucasus through a stunning

For the Russian planes, the

of them are situated above the

clouds, where visibility is good

for pilots who come in low.

There is no sign of anti-aircraft

evidence that many Chechen

road. So far, they have missed.

Russian military pilots do com-plain routinely of meager flying

Said Asia Ibragimova, 40, a refugee from Grozny who has

been living in the mountains for

the past month and half:

There's not a single partisan

That may be overstating it.

Most Chechen men do own arms. But journalists who have

passed through the mountain villages here have not come

across large groups of Chechen

Prime Minister Viktor S.

Chernomyrdin called on Mon-

day for immediate peace talks

and a cease-fire in Chechnya and promised that the Russian

military campaign there would not endanger Moscow's eco-nomic reforms. Reuters report-

ed from Moscow.

Chernomyrdin Appeal

fighters.

here, not one. It's just refugees, old people and children."

even present in the villages.

RUSSIA:

Wider War

mountain gorge.

Moscow Investigating Disobedient Officers

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW - Russia's acting prosecutor-general said

tendered his resignation, but his offer to resign was rejected.

Although the acting prosecutor refused to name anyone other than General Vorobyov being "checked," he did say that Major General Ivan Babichev, who gained wide attention for stopping his tank column on route to Grozny rather than shooting at civilians. was definitely not being investigated. Out of the limelight and once the civilians moved out of the way. General Babichev continued his advance and is now one

year independence movement there. The operation has turned into a debacle and has been extremely unpopular at home and criticized in the West. Several top generals have expressed their strong disapproval of the Chechen operation and of Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev, reflecting widespread discontent in the military toward the operation and General

been the former Deputy Defense Minister Boris V. Gromov, who lost his post when he went public with his criticism, and Lieutenant General Alexander Lebed, the commander of the 14th Army stationed in Moldova who has had run-ins with General Grachev before. General Lebed's command is nowthe focus of a Defense Ministry inspection that the Russian media have suggested is intended to relieve the Afghan veteran of his post.

"There are no legal reasons for initiating legal action against these military leaders," said Sergei Yushenkov, head of the Duma's defense committee, who has called for Mr. Yeltsin's impeachment for agreeing to, or ordering, the assault on Chechnya.

Monday that his office was investigating several officers, including at least one general, for apparently refusing to obey

orders in the Russian assault in Chechnya. The acting prosecutor, General Alexei Ilyushenko, said that no criminal cases had yet been opened against anyone. But he said investigations were continuing, including one involving Colonel General Eduard Vorobyov, deputy head of Russian's ground forces, who refused command of the whole Chechen military operation last month. General Vorobyov

Refusal to fulfill an order is punishable under the criminal code of Russia," General Ilyushenko said. "If we establish a fact of refusal to fulfill an order, criminal proceedings will be instituted and those guilty will be punished. There should be no doubt about it regardless of whether a general, a deputy defense minister or a private is concerned.

of two generals leading the assault on Grozny. Russia sent troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to end a three-

Among the harshest, and most high profile, critics have

General Ilyushenko's announcement appeared to be part of

an effort to try to muzzle continuing and embarrassi discontent in the military. But his comments were met with surprise in the lower house of the Parliament, the State Duma, which has twice rejected efforts by President Boris N. Yeltsin to make General Ilyushenko the permanent prosecutor-general because the lawyer is seen as too political.

PARENTS: Bring the Boys Home practices. Continued from Page 1

for Mrs. Vekshina since she arrived three days earlier from Yekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains.

Her son Alexei, in the army one year, has had only two villages are easy targets. Some weeks of real military training. having spent the rest of his time standing guard or cleaning toilets. His mother fears he is illprepared for war. But so far she weapons. In fact, there is little knows only that his tank division was sent to Chechnya, and fighters, the majority of whom are still fighting in Grozny, are not whether Alexei is dead or alive, injured or imprisoned.

As for his being shipped out, In addition to hitting the vil-Mrs. Vekshina learned that last ages, Russian pilots have tried month from a late-night news to knock out bridges along the flash on Yekaterinburg's independent television station. At 6 Adam Asnukayev, 26, the lothe next morning, Mrs. Vekal sheriff, said he believed the shina rushed to the train station and, thanks to her persistence Russian pilots were missing the and a sympathetic major, manbridges intentionally, in order aged to bid her son goodbye. to make return sorties and rack up more flying time and earn extra combat pay. While there is no way to know if that is true,

She also tried to persuade her son to desert.
"I said, 'Come on, let's go, I have a car waiting,' she recalled in the small Mozdok house. tel room she shares with four other mothers from her home town. "He said, 'Mama. I'm a junior sergeant, how can I leave my privates to face the bullets

"He was crying," Mrs. Vek-

Italy's Thieves Tops in Europe

LONDON - Italy and Britain lead their European neighbors in the number of home burglaries, a study published on Monday said.

In Italy 1.39 million homes, or 70 per 1,000, were burgled in 1993, followed by Britain with 1.48 million homes burgled, or 64 in every 1 000, according to figures compiled from 12

shina added. "They were all

crying. The officers didn't even

Like many Russians, she saw on television the corpses lying in the street. "A mother's heart

couldn't stand it any more," she said. "We had to come." a nurse — and flew to Minerala train to Mozdok. Now, she said, if she finds her son again,

she won't give him a choice. "This time, I'll take him out whether he wants to go or not,"

Tax evasion remains a national sport. A government review of incomes among many

self-employed professionals Mrs. Vekshina stayed at found that many doctors and home, waiting for news, until lawyers declared so little into the assault on Grozny on Jan. 1. near the poverty line.

At some point, the bills may come due. While amazed by the resourcefulness of his compatriots, Enzo Biagi, a prominent writer, believes that the country Mrs. Vekshina scrounged to-gether 300,000 rubles (\$81) — may not be able to prolong the several months of her salary as sweet life and survive its many crazy contradictions into the

nye Vody, from where she took next century.

"We gave our children vitamins when they really could use some values," Mr. Biagi said. The true nature of our crisis may turn out to be personal rather than political."

LIRA: Reform Hope Lifts Markets

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dency. Opposition critics said Mr. Letta, a former Rome lobbyist and vice president of Mr. Berlusconi's Fininvest television and publishing empire, is far too close to Mr. Berlusconi to be a member of a supposedly nonpartisan government.

Mr. Scalfaro summoned Mr. Dini on Sunday to express his opposition to the choice, drawing fire from the former ruling parties for his alleged interfer-

Observers said Monday that the debate over whom to appoint to the new government may not be settled quickly. If Mr. Dini is unable to form a viable coalition, the pressure will grow on Mr. Scalfaro to dissolve Parliament and call an

election. Mr. Berlusconi and Forza Italia have been pressing for early elections, which the center and left parties oppose.

The opposition, meanwhile, reacted strongly to the state-

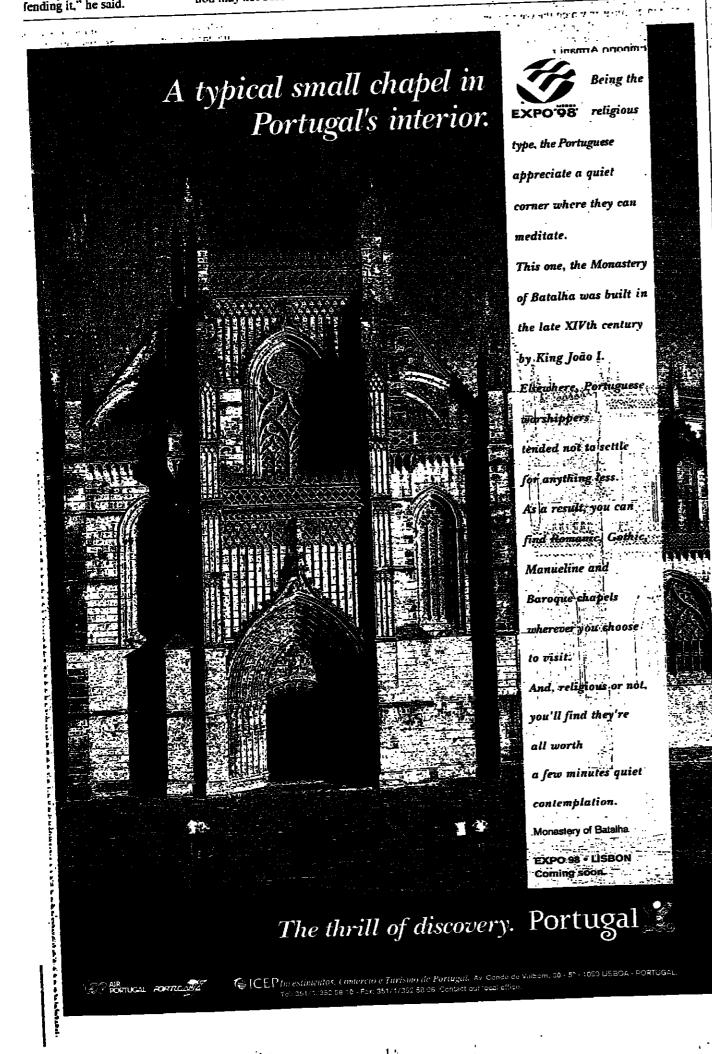
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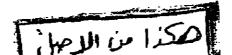
The Christian Democratic leader, Mario Segni, said that including ministers and junior ministers from the Berlusconi government "would mean that the government was political and not above party level."

Luigi Berlinguer, leader of the Party of the Democratic Left, the former Communists. in Parliament, said the former governing coalition parties were trying to "either break the Dini operation" or "bend it to their

Italy's economy grew 3.7 per-cent in the third quarter of 1994, achieving one of the highest growth rates in Europe, according to official figures released Monday.

Based on Monday's figures, economists forecast that Italian gross domestic product grew by 2.5 percent in 1994 after shrinking 0.7 percent in 1993. Fourthquarter figures are due in April.







A stylized 1922 watercolor by Thayaht, who created Vionnet's Art Deco logo.

A Harbinger of the Modern Look

International Herald Tribuna YON - If this inscrutable wooden doll - the size of a ventriloquist's dummy - could only speak, what tales it could tell. For the carved head and jointed body with articulated arms have witnessed the secrets

of haute couture. It would sit on the lap of Madeleine Vionnet as she draped fabrics, creating in miniature high fashion designs that freed the female body. Now, 20 years after Vionnet's death at the age of 99, the revolutionary dresses that she invented in the 1920s ri ude musee des lussus u Lyon — a tribute to her timelessness and in recognition of her still-powerful influ-

Azzedine Alaïa, Comme des Garçons. Issey Miyake and John Galliano are contemporary disciples of the fashion purist who was a harbinger of modern style even before Gabrielle Chanel.

The core of "Madeleine Vionnet: Les Années d'Innovation 1919-1939" (until March 26), is a stairway. Set with Corinthian columns, it mounts like Greek temple steps, on which are displayed Vionnet's most powerful creations: an alabaster-pale dress in thick crepe, falling from a rouleau band at the shoulder and with folds gathered at the thigh. So easy it looks - yet Alaïa spent hours working out how to transform the pool of fabric into a limpid

neoclassical dress. Karl Lagerfeld has lent a 1930 wedding dress, a river of white satin, rippling into Vionnet's favorite bows at the hips, before flowing to the floor. Like most of the dresses it is part of the collection of l'Union Française des Arts du Costume, or a petit bourgeois background, locked at UFAC, to which Vionnet donated gar-ments, toiles and archives when she closed

her fashion house on the eve of war in

In the 1930s, the mighty couture house at 50 Avenue Montaigne (currently a Jil Sander boutique) had employed 1,200 seamstresses; the entire personnel of a big conture house today being a 10th of that. Pictures in the exhibition catalogue show upscale clients and the photographic records Vionnet made of each collection. (Maddeningly, they are not on display, although one of the fat albums lies tantalizingly closed in a glass case.)

The show seems back-to-front, for the end of the exhibition is the dramatic stairway descending from a re-creation of Vionner's studio.

"I did not want to do a classic retrospective, but to put the accent on innovation, and to make a choice emphasizing Vion-net's work with squares and circles," said Lydia Kamitsis, the UFAC's curator.

Perhaps the museum is right to open the show with the essence of Vionnet: cut and technique. She is credited with inventing bias-cutting, and, Kamitsis says, was certainly the first to exploit the concept of creating garments against the fabric grain to give fluidity.

IONNET'S draped dresses are displayed in a trio of subterranean bunkers, while meticulous drawings show the geometry of how they are created. Drawings by futurist artist Thayaht (who created Vionnet's Art Deco logo) link Vionnet's work to the Cubist movement in art.

It is a mystery how this simple girl from age II into a grinding apprenticeship as a seamstress, could have invented clothing

that was a precursor of the Bauhaus move-

"I have never looked at fashion, but worked from inside my head," Vionnet said. "My personal formula is that a dress is beautiful, because it is well cut."

The technique is overwhelming: not just the Grecian draped dresses that seem so modern because they take their shapes from the body. But the assemblages of fabric: a dress in moss green velvet, using the pile and the reverse sides in a harlequin pattern. Or marquetry effects, when inlays of different materials are inserted, rather than appliqued on the surface.

Although Alaïa and Galliano may wor-

ship at Vionnet's shrine, such time-consuming and costly handwork is impossible to re-create today.

The opening display case shows a photograph of silver-haired Vionnet (she was 46 then she opened her couture house in 1922) working with a miniature manne-quin. It looks like a child: a substitute for the baby daughter that died after her brief marriage at age 18. Vionnet left her husband, went to London to work as a hospital seamstress, returned to Paris to train at the houses of the Callot Soeurs and Doucet, and became financial as well as creative manager of her own house, battling for copyright laws in fashion.

Her labor attitudes revolutionized women's working lives, for she installed chairs for the employees (Chanel had backless stools), gave paid holidays and maternity leave, and had a resident doctor and dentist. As in fashion, so in her feminist outlook, Vionnet was a woman ahead of her

Suzy Menkes

distinguished diplomat who, af-

father, took the youngster in

hand. He was at once forbidding

to shield his grandson from what

he saw as the degeneracy and insularity of 1920s Stockholm.

He wanted Raoul to be "a useful

member of society" and believed

in the United States, where he

detected "the kind of upbringing aimed at teaching men to be self-reliant, even to feel that they are

So off Raoul went to the

University of Michigan, where

he soon thrived. He became an

enthusiastic partisan of many

things American, motion pic-tures and radio most notably.

Armani's Off-the-Rack Mozart

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribuna

ONDON - The two sisters sprawl in pantsuits on a sofa or lop onto floor-cushions. Well, these days, so do all women. Or as Mozart put it so lyrically: "Cosi fan tutte." Giorgio Armani's modern romantic costurnes will mark a double first when "Cosi" opens at the Covent Garden opera house on Wednesday: the first production hat director Jonathan Miller has staged

for London's Royal Opera; and the Italian

designer's first major effort on stage.

The set could be Armani's own Milan palazzo, with its blank, white walls and gauzy drapes with the hint of a Palladian structure behind. And out stroll the betrothed couples, casually dressed in pallid colors - the clothes mostly chosen offthe-rack from the Italian designer's current collections to blend with Miller's artistic vision of the updated opera.

"He wanted to do something modern, elegant with lots of atmosphere and poetry," says Armani. "And he wanted to get away from the traditional, Germanic Mozart. It is a mixture of costumes and modern tailoring, but I did nothing forced -it

was in my spirit."

The result is vaguely contemporary clothing that is both sharp — as in the scheming Don Alfonso's luxurious tailoring -and soft in shell pink or washed-out blue crepe pants, an airy voile skirt or the wedding dresses with veils sprinkled with sequined raindrops.

A strategically-placed mirror in which the characters preen themselves is a witty take on what might have seemed a fashion parade; and women wearing the pants even gives a modern twist to the bittersweet opera. "I wanted to do something simple and abstract — I felt that I deserved a holiday from the 18th century," says Miller, who has already directed five versions of the Mozart opera, costumed from "David and Empire style to Elizabeth Vigee-Lebrun," referring to French artists contemporary with the opera

The choice of Armani was down to geography: as Miller walked through Covent Garden, the clothes in the windows of the Emporio Armani store beckoned him, suggesting "reticent costumes that didn't shout at you." With a concept that the set would look "like the interior of an Issey Miyake shop," Miller approached Armani

ORKING with costume coordinator Jackie Galloway, Armani picked or adapted outfits, and if the chorus of servants in anthracite suits look rather like a crowd at a downtown gallery opening, the worldly-wise maid Despina takes on a new feminist character in her pantsuit. The Albanian disguise, in which the young men attempt to seduce their betrothed to betrayal, is transformed into an ethnic look from the Emporio Armani range. They are much more convincing de-

signs than those Turkish Delight cos-tumes," says Miller. "The young men look like boys out of the Gaza strip." The director's modernization of the cynical story includes the two engaged officers suppos-edly leaving for the Bosnian war in U. N. blue berets, with CNN cameramen in at-

Armani designs have hardly ever been seen on the stage. His only other opera was a minor production at La Scala 15 years ago. His forte is film (with a new Tom Cruise movie in the pipeline). Armani has costumed major Hollywood productions, but always with the aim of making clothes in character, rather than costumes. This was also his plan for "Cosi," which will go directly from London to Rome.

"My idea is always for the clothes to glide by — and then for people to realize it was Armani," he says. "It would not have interested me to do 'Les Liaisons Danger-. euses' - I would not be capable. I don't do opera because they are usually period productions, never modern. But with Jonathan Miller I felt inspired."

Miller believes that it will liberate the opera to place it in an abstract setting with just the occasional "sting" of contemporary experience. (That means a cellular

phone unfurled from a suit pocket, or a flash of modern war and medicine.) He says that he is "increasingly looking for that kind of design on stage," although in earlier Mozart productions, he used his profound cultural knowledge to base sets for "The Marriage of Figaro" on a man-sion in the Loire district of France and the costumes on 18th century paintings of Chardin and Fragonard.

Armani will not be in London to see the audience reaction to the first night, although he plans to see the opera during the weekend. He will instead be involved in another kind of theater — the presentation of his fall/winter men's collection in Milan. And in Miller's personal style of numpled corduroy trousers, muesli-tweed jackets and hairy sweaters, Armani claims to find fashion inspiration.

"It was a pleasure to work with a great director - and one who was so well dressed," he says.

Giorgio Armani fitting costumes for Jonathan Miller's "Così fan tutte."

Embroidery: A Family Affair

ARIS - Keeping it in the family, embroiderer François Lesage and his two children are holding a joint show of their work. Beside the fantastic bunch-ofgrapes creations for Yves Saint Laurent in haute couture by Lesage père are the rustic handwoven furniture fabrics with sophisticated decoration by his Madras-based son Jean-François. And the simple clothes, handicrafted accessories

By Robert Byrne

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and charming watercolors of daughter Marion. Jean-François sells his fabrics through interior decorators, and Marion already has a small Left Bank boutique. "It is good to have chromosomes that work in fashion and decoration," Lesage said, posing proudly with his offspring at Franck & Fils, the Paris store that is presenting the show (until Feb. 25). "It was very moving — not easy, but interesting," says Marion of the exhibition.

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Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

NOT so long ago the fickle finger of fate, aka Steven Spielberg, reached down from the firmament and placked out of near-total obscurity a man named Oskar Schindler. Thanks to Spielberg's film about Schindler and his list, that German businessman has become the personification of Aryan resistance to the Holocaust, if in other aspects of his life something less than a saint.

Those whose knowledge of the Holocaust has been derived from sources more authoritative than the movie theater are well aware that there was at least one man whose labors on behalf of Europe's Jews so far exceeded Schindler's as to render comparisons pointless. His name was Raoul Wallen-

berg. Though he has scarcely been consigned to posthumous obscurity, his name by contrast with Schindler's is little known. This is a pity because his story is both remarkable and - no other term will suffice - genuincly inspiring.

Wallenberg was the son of a prominent, wealthy Swedish family. Almost from birth he seemed destined for leadership, and he was educated accordingly. Yet he had achieved no par-

the Swedish legation in Budapest. In barely half a year he performed heroic service, employing his immense diplomatic skills and ingratiating personal-ity to intervene with the Nazis and their local henchmen on behalf of Jews destined for the extermination camps. It is believed that as many as 100,000 Jewish lives were saved by Wallenberg. Early in 1945, when Soviet troops occupied Budapest, Wallenberg was arrested and taken to Lubyanka prison in Moscow. He was reported by Soviet authorities to have died there in 1947, a claim that remains a matter of impassioned debate nearly a half-century later.

Wallenberg has been the subject of several good biographies, among which my own preference is for John Bierman's "Righteous Gentile," yet he is in many important respects a mys-

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LETTERS AND DIS- ticular distinction when, in 1944, tery. Not merely do we not know of them from America - to he was chosen to run a rescue his precise fate, we remain puz-effort for Jews that was based in zled that this son of privilege, ther. Gustaf Wallenberg was a trained in architecture and employed in banking, should have ter the early death of Raoul's taken onto his shoulders the bur-den of the Jews. From time to time new evidence appears that and loving, an old-fashioned helps bring Wallenberg into man who wanted above all else sharper focus, but even so the mystery continues.

The contents of the present volume are more such evidence. It contains a number of letters written by Wallenberg, chiefly to his paternal grandfather, during his years of education and ap-prenticeship, a handful of dispatches from Budapest to Stockholm, and a few letters from Budapest to members of Wallen-berg's family. All of these documents are lucid, some of them are charming and even amusing, others are poignant; but the light they shed is, again, relatively dim and narrowly focused.

Unquestionably the most interesting are the letters - many

and was active socially as well as intellectually. Throughout these letters there which puts heavy pressure on is a palpable sense of an impor-tant life in the making; everyone

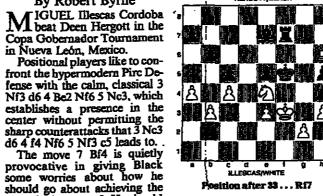
After II...Rd1 12 Rd1 Nd7, seems to have recognized in young Wallenberg an extraordinary if unshaped human being, a masterpiece-in-progress.

One reaches the end of "Letters and Dispatches" grateful for these glimpses of his life and mind but not much less puzzled.

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mind but not much less puzzled ter, the king should be brought than before Perhaps this is as it to e7, but this would leave the should be. Many of the greatest stories are eternal mysteries, and of the greatness of Raoul Wallenberg's there can be no doubt.

could have won a pawn with 17 Rd8 b6 18 Ne5 Ne4 19 Ne4 Be5 Jonathan Yardley is on the staff of The Washington Post.



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International Herald Tribune, Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mexico Puts Aid To Test as It Tries To Cover T-Bills

MEXICO CITY - Mexico will put a massive U.S. support package to the test Tuesday when it tries to reverse its fortunes and roll over a new batch of dollar-denominated Freasury bills, known as Tesobonos.

For the last four weeks, Tesobono auctions have marked low points in investors' plummeting confidence in Mexico but analysts are hoping the U.S. support package of up to \$40 billion will turn the tide at this week's auction.

The Mexican stock market rallied Monday, with the Bolsa rising 18.91 points, to 2,235.46, up 0.85 percent. The peso also improved. The dollar fell 0.04 peso, to 5.44. A dollar bought 3.46 pesos before the crisis.

Politicians, including leading members of the ruling Insti-tutional Revolutionary Party, criticized the government for using Mexico's oil receipts as collateral for the U.S. economic rescue package.

Fernando Solana, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said legislators only learned of the collateral terms after they were made public in Washington. "It concerns me because it deals with oil, because ultimate-

ly it's about future revenues," Mr. Solana said. The seven sisters who control the world's oil - Exxon. British Petroleum and Texaco among them - are probably jumping for joy because now they have control over Mexican oil." said Jose Angel Conchello of the conservative National

Action Party. Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz said that using oil revenue as collateral was common practice.

Tesobonos are denominated in dollars and are paid in pesos. Rates on the bills hit highs of 20 percent last week. (Reuters, AFX)

Asia Tries to Restore Confidence Central Banks Intervene and Raise Rates to Lift Markets

HONG KONG - Central banks in Southeast Asia on Monday tried to calm their financial markets, which were affected by the financial crisis in Mexico and devaluation of the peso.

Southeast Asian central banks defended their currencies, and monetary authorities in the Philippines and Indonesia raised official discount rates, while Thailand continued to offer a special baht-supporting swap.

In Hong Kong, authorities succeeded in warding off speculators who might have considered the region's emerging markets as vulnerable as those in Latin America. Asian currencies have been under attack after Mexico's devaluation of its currency. As a result, investors had lost confidence in many emerging market currencies in recent weeks.

"It looks like the central banks have completed their task - that is, to calm down the markets," said Eddie Tan, Citibank's vice president and foreign-exchange manager in Singapore.

"Now they may want to let fundamentals rule the market again," he said.

The Philippine central bank raised the overnight lending rate to 9 percent from 8 percent to support its peso. "The bank made a determination to support the peso with everyone rushing out of pesos and into dollars," said Evan King, an analyst with Sapphire Securities. "It shows the central bank is determined to keep the peso within stated rates.

The Indonesian central bank raised its discount rate 50 basis points, to 15 percent for one-week loans Monday. Indonesia's monetary policy has long been aimed at controlled devaluation of the rupiah said the gains were more of a technical against the dollar. This makes Indonesian rebound than an end to the uncertainty exports cheaper in their primary market, gripping the region's markets.

the United States. er a special baht-dollar swap. In this arrangement, the monetary authority said it would buy dollars for 25.04 baht and sell the dollars back a week later for 25.06 baht. This allows foreign banks to buy the

The Hong Kong government still has a currency battle on its hands. Page 16.

local currency without risking a major devaluation.

"We are continuing the policy we introduced Friday of extending currency swaps to foreign branch banks," said Supote Kittisuwan, senior director of the banking department at the Bank of Thailand. "The objective is to assure our trading partners that we have no change in our existing policy and operations."

He said it was "too soon" for the central bank to stop the swap policy.

"There is some misunderstanding in the international markets, which has led to extra volatility," he said "We have acted mainly to stabilize the market."

Mr. Tan said that the peso crisis had clearly shown the enormous muscle of Southeast Asian central banks. "Armed with excess reserves, the central banks have showed how quickly they could re-

store calm," Mr. Tan said. Stocks in the Asia-Pacific region rebounded as the Mexican currency crisis and fears of an imminent increase in U.S.

Tokyo markets were closed for a nation-The Thai central bank continued to of- al holiday. Traders said Friday's rally in the Dow

Jones industrial average had eased fears that the Federal Reserve Board would raise interest rates this month. In Australia, stocks posted their strongest gains in three weeks, buoyed by signs that growth in the U.S. might have slowed

est rates, traders said. The benchmark All Ordinaries index rose 1.09 percent, to 1,879.1, its biggest gain since Dec. 28.

enough to avoid another increase in inter-

In Singapore, the Straits Times Industrials index rose 1.50 percent, to 2,107.39, amid signs that interest rates and regional currencies may be stabilizing.

In the Philippines, stocks ended a fourday slide as local investors said they were convinced the Mexican economic crisis would not hart their country.

In Taipei, Taiwan share prices ended up 0.39 percent, at 6,536.65, on a mild technical rebound after recent plunges, brokers

In Bangkok, the SET index finished 4.05 points higher, at 1,252.64, on bargainhunting in telecommunications and banking sectors in particular, brokers said.

Indian shares closed 1.61 percent higher on the Bombay bourse after recent heavy selling. The Bombay Stock Exchange 30-share index rose 57.90 points to finish at a interest rates receded. But some traders provisional 3,661.56. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Only Beijing Can Resolve Trade Dispute, U.S. Official States

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG — Despite a new proposal by China to narrow trade differences, a U.S. official said Monday that a trade war could be averted only if Beijing offers Washington an immediate "down payment" on pledges to improve protection of intellectual property rights.

"Whether we reach an agreement or not is up to China," the official said, two days before negotiators meet in Beijing in a last-ditch effort to settle a dispute that has clouded U.S.-Chinese relations for 18 months. "We are prepared to be flexible, but we must see our companies' intellectual property protected," he said. The official spoke on the condition he not be identified.

The official said Beijing had offered a propos-

al that narrowed the gap between the two sides, tion factories exporting to other countries in Asia their trade with other nations as revenge. Such but that they remained far apart on many details. cost American companies nearly \$1 billion in methods have no mutual benefit." We welcome any steps from the Chinese to lost sales annually, the U.S. government says. further protect intellectual property," he said, without detailing the new proposals. "Yet these actions still do not go to the heart of the problem."

Despite strong rhetoric that has included personal attacks on the lead U.S. negotiator, China has significantly softened its position since talks broke down in mid-December, the official said. Washington has threatened to penalize \$2.8 billion in Chinese exports to the United States shortly after a Feb. 4 deadline to retaliate for Beijing's inability to halt the piracy of American

entertainment and computer software and other intellectual property despite repeated requests. Widespread disregard for copyright and patents and state-of-the-art compact-disk reproduc-

In response to what it sees as unwarranted interference in its domestic affairs, China has threatened to place sanctions on U.S. imports and to obstruct U.S. investment in key industries.

In a commentary published in the official China Daily newspaper Monday, the deputy director general of the National Copyright Administration, Shen Rengan, hailed the progress Beijing had already made in improving its intellectual property protection record.

"Some countries, turning a blind eye to rampant intellectual property piracy in their own countries, persist in criticizing other nations," he wrote. "Some even adopt aggressive policies on (AFP, AF

The U.S. is demanding that China: ■ Immediately close compact-disk factories producing bootleg recording and computer soft-ware disks and initiate criminal prosecutions against their owners.

 Revamp legal and court procedures in the intellectual property area while empowering Chinese Customs offices to clamp down on exports of pirated materials.

· Open its markets to legitimate exports of U.S. entertainment and software goods.

"We have unparalleled support on this negoti-

(AFP, AP)

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Old Lines Reappear on Europe's Map

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International Herald Tribune

ASHINGTON—The European Union has begun its march to the East. By adding Finland, it has acquired a common frontier with Russia, and, through Austria, it is reaching deep into Central Europe.

Next, the EU will start absorbing former members of the Warsaw Pact, probably beginning with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Few people yet want to demarcate where it will stop. Indeed, Americans often warn against drawing "new lines" on the map of Europe — especially as the EU's Eastern frontier is also likely to be NATO's forgetting that history has already carved

its own indelible traces.

In fact, with the Iron Curtain's demise, the ancient line dividing East and West is reappearing further east — and it is here that history suggests the EU's Eastern advance will end.

The line, stemming from the division of the Roman Empire between Rome and Byzantium, later became the boundary between Western and Orthodox Christianity. William Wallace of St. Antony's College, Oxford, sees it as the Eastern frontier of Western Christendom in 1500. Today it roughly marks the border of the Russian-dominated Commonwealth

of Independent States, now struggling to form its own economic union as a rival to the EU — although parts of Belarus and Ukraine fall on the line's Western side. This line has shaped Europe's destiny

for centuries. Soviet Communism was the economic and spiritual heir of Byzanti-um's rigid rule. The Orthodox church missed the Renaissance and the Reformation, the foundation stones of the West's liberal economic and political system.

Mr. Wallace's line puts the Baltics in the West, and therefore ultimately in the EU. It then runs south through Western Belarus and Ukraine, along the Carpathians, turns sharply west in Romania

With the Iron Curtain's demise, the line between East and West is reappearing further east.

and reaches the Adriatic between Bosnia and Crostia. The border zones are natural areas of ethnic tension.

Of course it is not an exact guide, especially in the Balkans. Although they will be difficult partners, Bulgaria and Romania will probably finish up inside the EU. Orthodox Greece is already a member. But Ukraine will probably either split along the line or remain fully inside the neo-Byzantine CIS economic union.

This is only one of Europe's ancient but still active boundaries. The EU's current West European members are still

divided between north and south along the frontier of the Roman Empire. The Latin countries of the former em-

pire tend to be Catholic, protectionist, interventionist and authoritarian. The Germanic barbarians to the Empire's north have historically leant towards Protestantism, free trade and concern for individual rights.

(Migration and colonial patterns subsequently extended this line westward across the Atlantic, where it settled on the Rio Grande).

Now, as Germany and other Northern countries look to the East, Europe's Latins are seeking to reconstitute the empire by forging new links with the former Roman provinces in North Africa and the Middle East.

It does not stop there. Some people in

France are accusing Germany of seeking to recreate the ninth-century Frankish empire by proposing that a "hard core" of EU countries move ahead faster than oth-ers to economic and monetary union. It is true that Bonn's "hard core" — Germany, France and the Benelux countries - bears an uncanny resemblance to

Charlemagne's German-based empire. Anyone who thinks that such ancient history is no longer relevant should ponder this. The two countries that most stoutly resisted Charlemagne's attempts to introduce a common European coin---- England and Denmark --- are still

age — England and Denmark — are still the toughest holdouts against a single currency nearly 1,200 years later. No. Europe does not need new lines. It has more than enough old ones.

Paris Sees Hope for '97 Single Currency

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS - France held out hope Monday that a majority of European Union nations would be ready to create a monetary union, with a single currency, as

early as 1997. Economics Minister Edmond Alphandery said eight of the 15 nations could meet the tough economic criteria of low inflation, budget deficits and interest rates. Mr. Alphandery spoke during a meeting

of Union finance ministers. Henning Christophersen, the European commissioner for economic and financial affairs, said recent economic growth

should help the nations in meeting the

early target. But the British chancellor of the exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, said he doubted the 1997 deadline "can remotely be achieved." Nearly all EU nations are running hefty

deficits in violation of merger criteria. Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany said Bonn remains hostile to any move easing of the restrictions. "We can only achieve monetary union objectives

with strict budgetary discipline," he said. Mr. Clarke and the Dutch finance minister, Gerrit Zalm, backed Mr. Waigel's opposition to easing the restrictions.

Mr. Alphandery said the ministers would move from September to June their annual review of each nation's overspending. "We all have to assume responsibility

for reducing budget deficits," he said. Outlining Paris's agenda for its EU presidency during the next six months, he said, "Our first priority is growth and employment." (AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Madrid Declares Peseta Crisis Over Spain's finance minister said his country's currency had weathered speculation that drove its value down sharply last week, The Associated Press reported.

NBC-Turner Merger Fails Over Power

By Bill Carter

New York Times Service NEW YORK -- A planned merger of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and NBC collapsed over the issue of control of the merged entity, after a meeting between John F. Welch Jr., the chairman of General Electric Co., which owns NBC, and Ted Turner, the chairman of Turner

Broadcasting.
Both sides issued statements Sunday declaring that the proposed merger had been halted and attributing its failure to a disagreement about which side would have retained manage

ment control.

NBC executives expressed some hope that the talks could resume. But a Turner executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said, "The deal is just over," adding, "If they came into this never intending to turn over control of NBC, that was not articulated to us.'

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Robert Wright, the president of NBC, who also participated in the talks, said, "We held dis-cussions that did not result in anything, because the nature of the proposal GE made transferred control to GE and that was unacceptable to Ted." Mr. Turner could not be

reached for comment. An NBC executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Welch had never had any intention of parting with control of the network. The Turner executive said it

was pointless for GE to try to assume control because if Mr. Turner intended to relinquish control, he would be obligated to offer his company first to Tele-Communications Inc. and Time Warner Inc., which control his board of directors.

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1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

2. Amendment of the "Valuation Regulations", sub-paragraph B(ii) of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation so that it reads as follows:

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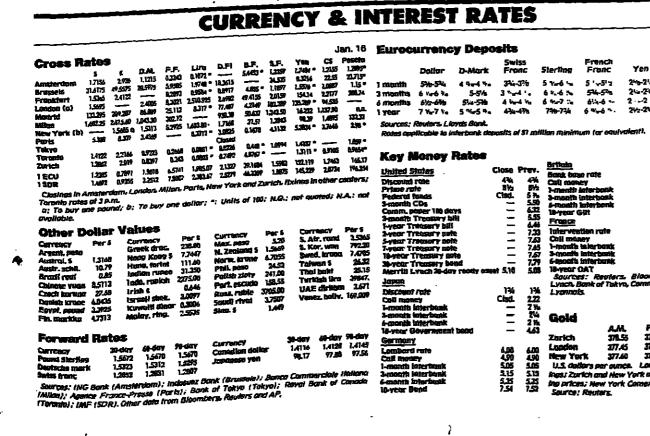
3. Deletion in the "Valuation Regulations" Subparagraph E (a), E (b) and E (c) of Article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "close of business" and replacement by the "time of valuation".

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10th January 1995 By Order of the Board of Directors





MARKET DIARY

Stocks Extend Rally As Rate Fears Slip

rose Tuesday for a second day amid growing confidence that the Federal Reserve Board would be able to subdue infla-

U.S. Stocks

tion without throwing the econ-

from stable interest rates, led

the gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 23.88 points, at 3,932.34, extending a 49.46-point rally on Friday. Stocks that was autumbered these stores. that rose outnumbered those gions. that fell by two to one, mirroring the broad advance at the The phone company picked Syend of last week.

first signs of a slowing economy base added 1½ to 53½, since the Fed began raising in
Coca-Cola rose % to 50% afsince the Fed began raising interest rates nearly a year ago. ter the company on Friday re-The report spurred bets that the futed speculation that it might Fed might not raise rates this buy Quaker Oats Co., the mak-month, helping to ensure prof-er of oatmeal and the Gatorade its will grow and stocks will stay beverage. Quaker tumbled 3 to competitive with bonds.

The slowdown in retail sales 41/2 it gained Friday. Investment Management Inc. climbed 1 to 364.

Bloomberg Business News
"Maybe there's a possibility of a soft landing and that's good for

Volume on the Big Board totaled 314.82 million shares, off from 336.52 million on Friday. The bond market, banks and government offices were closed Monday in honor of Martin Lu-

ther King Jr.'s birthday. omy into recession.

Banks, brokerage houses and utilities, all of which benefit from stable interest rates, led

'Interstate surged 2% to 73%. GTE rallied 1% to 31% amid

BellSouth rose 14 to 55%. base Inc. for interactive televi-The advance began with the sion software, scrapping an unexpected drop Friday in December retail sales, one of the whose stock fell ¼ to 41%. Sy-

331/s, surrendering most of the

suggests the six tightenings the Progress Software soared 61/4 Fed has done so far have accom- to 47 after issuing better-thanplished what they want," said expected results. Microsoft rose Peter Canoni, managing director 1% to 64%, IBM climbed 1% to in charge of equities at Aeltus 771/2 and Digital Equipment

Debate Over U.S. Data Leaves Dollar Weak

LONDON - The dollar slipped Monday in Europe against other major currencies amid nervousness about the re-

Foreign Exchange

lease on Tuesday of U.S. production and plant-use reports. The dollar fell to 1.5291 DM from 1.5353 DM on Friday and eased to 98.20 yen from 98.67

A strong increase in industrial production and capacity usage on Tuesday would increase the chances the Federal Reserve Board would take a more aggressive stance against inflation than traders currently expect and boost the dollar.

At the same time, dealers noted that an unexpected drop of 0.1 percent in retail sales in December that was reported on Friday had caused some investors to scale back the size of the rate rise they expected

would next announce.

The U.S. currency had advanced early Monday against

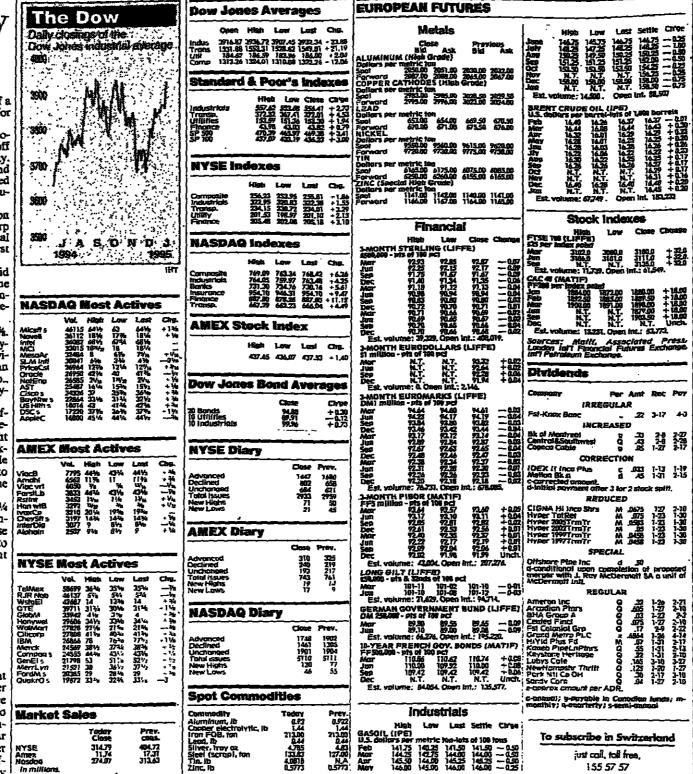
session amid expectations that the mark's retreat against other European currencies would give the dollar a boost, according to John Parry, trader at Creditanstalt Bankverein. But the dollar soon gave up its gains after traders started locking in profits when the U.S. currency failed to surpass its high on Fri-

day near 1.5380 DM. to \$1.5705 from \$1.5671.

The pound was un-

Against other currencies, the dollar slipped to 1.2845 Swiss francs from 1.2905 francs and to 5.2885 French francs from 5.3075 francs. The pound rose

In New York trading that was subdued because of the Martin Luther King holiday, the dollar fell slightly to close at L5313 DM in late trading down from a Friday close at 1.5345 DM, and at 98.39 yen. down from 98.550 yen. The dollar was quoted at 1.2843 Swiss francs, down from 1.2890 francs, and at 5.2925 French francs, down from 5.2965



A Stellar Day for Major European Stock Markets

day, as Friday's unexpected er." drop in December U.S. retail sales eased concerns about U.S. interest rates.

don trading hours after rising was at the end of 1994.

1.3 percent Friday to its highest

The Milan all-share

The FT-SE 100 Index of leading British stocks rose 28.4 points, to 3,076.7, led by BAT British stocks tracked gains Industries, British Petroleum in the United States, where the and Hanson, after rising 15:1 Dow Jones industrial average points on Friday. That left the gained 20 points during Lonindex 11.2 points higher than it

level in over two months.

"The pressure's come off for putting up interest rates," said Mib30 Index was up 780 at Christopher Clark, a strategist at 15.624.

LONDON — U.K. stocks rose for a second consecutive been driving interest rates highelectronic trading session at 2,088,25, its highest level since past two trading days. An early recovery in the U.S. dollar helped dollar-sensitive shares such as LVMH, L'Oreal and

Michelin. German stocks closed at their highest level this year amid an-ticipation the U.S. Federal Reserve may not raise interest rates soon. The DAX index of

the market opened on Jan. 2. The index rose just 2.61 points from the floor close but was up 24.11 points on the day. The advance was led by index

heavy weights Allianz, Deutsche Bank and Daimler-Benz

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Rockwell Reports Increase in Profit

SEAL BEACH, California (Combined Dispatches) — Rockwell International Corp. said Monday that its first-quarter profit rose as sales in automation systems more than offset declines in aerospace and defense electronics.

Rockwell, which is also active in the automotive parts, electronics and printing press industries, said net income rose 10 percent, to \$165 million, from \$150 million in the year-ago quarter. Sales for the quarter ended Dec. 31 increased slightly, to \$2.62 billion

from \$2.60 billion. from \$2.60 billion.

The results exceeded Wall Street estimates, and Rockwell stock closed up 12.5 cents at \$36.875. Chairman Donald Beali said Rockwell's acquisition of Reliance Electric, to be completed this month, would contribute to the company's 1995 profit. He also resterated his confidence that Rockwell would continue to meet its rest of double digit annual expires greath. (Rockwell Parameter) goal of double-digit annual earnings growth. (Bloomberg, Renaers)

CPC Seeks to Purchase Eridania Unit

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, New Jersey (Bloomberg) - CPC International Inc. said Monday that it was negotiating to buy the Lesieur mayonnaise and salad dressings business in France from Eridania-Beghin-Say SA, a French food-maker controlled by

Italy's Ferruzzi Group.

CPC did not reveal any financial terms. The French food company said the purchase would also include the smaller Cremanaze dressings business and related products, which are sold through food-service outlets in Britain.

CPC, which sells Hellmann's and Best Foods mayonnaise, said the purchase would allow it to enter the dressings market in France. It already sells dressings in 10 other European countries. Lesieur mayonnaise and dressings have annual sales of about \$100 million and dominate the French market.

James River Corp. Predicts Big Loss

RICHMOND, Virginia (Bloomberg) — James River Corp. increased on Monday its estimate of the loss it will report for the fourth quarter, citing weak results from its consumer-products

and packaging businesses.

The Richmond-based paper company said it expected to report a loss of about 21 cents a share. Wall Street had expected a loss of 8 cents a share, the mean estimate of 10 analysts polled by Zacks Investment Research. The wider loss would also be caused by

rising raw-material costs, the company said. "In both businesses, selling-price recovery continued to lag cost increases for raw materials, including plastic resins, waste paper and chemicals," the company said.

Boise Cascade Bucks Losing Trend

BOISE, Idaho (AP-DJ) — Boise Cascade Corp. expects to post its first quarterly profit in four years, George J. Harad, the company's chief executive, said Monday. Following the projection, the company's stock closed up \$1 at \$30.25.

The forest-products company cited strength in its buildingproducts sector but said the main reason for the turnaround was a powerful rebound in the formerly moriound pulp and paper markets. "It's been four tough years for the industry and four tough years for us," Mr. Harad said, "but the change in the paper

market has been fairly dramatic." For the final three months of 1994, he projected net income of \$24 million to \$27 million, or 28 to 33 cents a share. He forecast sales of about \$1.1 billion. For the like period in 1993, Boise Cascade reported a loss of \$23.7 million on sales of \$996.9 million.

An Executive Exodus at Shoney's

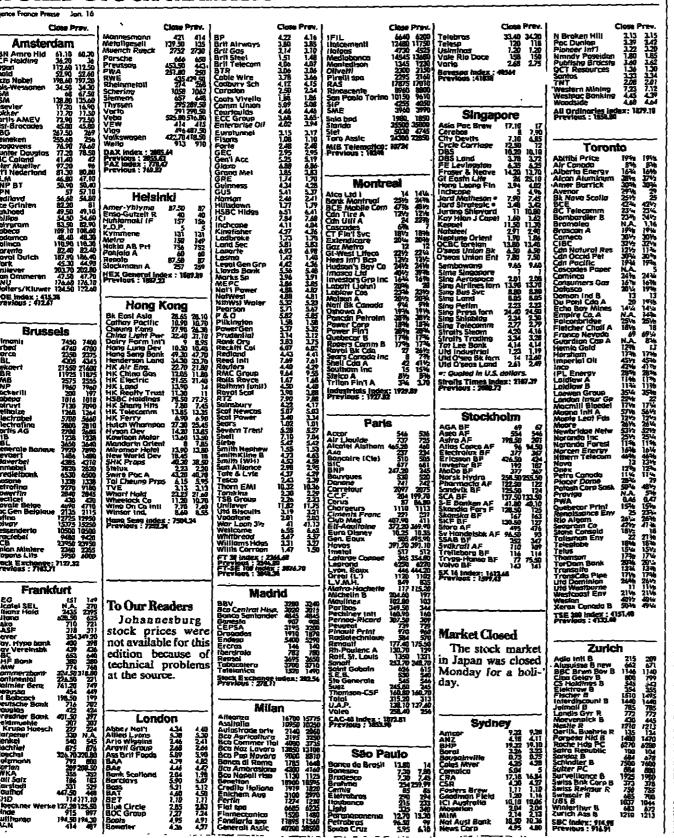
NASHVILLE, Tennessee (Bloomberg) -- Shoney's Inc., the restaurant concern, said Monday that Jim Arnett, the company's president and chief operating officer, had resigned, and that Taylor Henry would retire as chief executive and chairman at the end of the year.

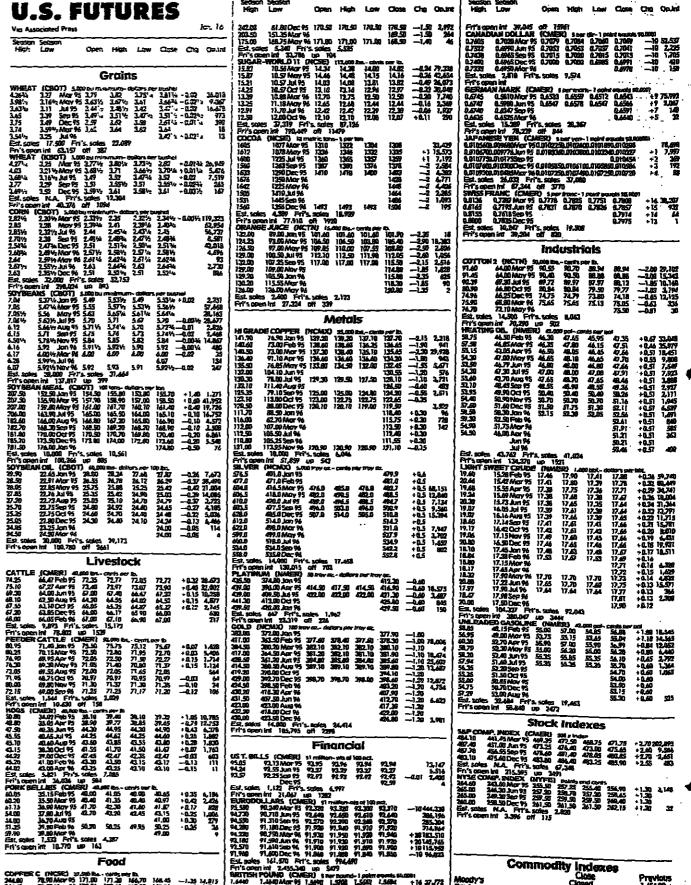
Jim Grout, president of the Shoney's Restaurants unit, also resigned. The company said Mr. Arnett and Mr. Grout had left to

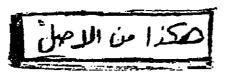
pursue other interests. The restaurant operator also said it would sell some noncore businesses in order to focus on Shoney's restaurants. Shoney's operates more than 1,800 restaurants under several names, including Captain D's, Lee's Famous Recipe, Barbedwire and its name-

"It is really not much of a surprise," said Mark Sheridan, a restaurant analyst with Johnson Rice & Co. "The company had brought in an outside consulting group to evaluate the business and the board was clearly motivated by the performance of the

WORLD STOCK MARKETS







Rising Rates Chill Investors On Rémy Stock

PARIS — Shares in Rémy mer. Rémy Cointreau had a net Cointreau SA, the French cognac maker, dropped Monday the year to March 1994, up 25 after a 5 percent increase in percent. first-half pretax profit disap-

pointed investors. Rémy shares closed at 185 French francs (\$35), down 1.9 francs, after having fallen to a

52-week low of 175 francs. profit rose to 135 million francs fluctuations, the sales increase (\$26 million) in the six months through September from 129 million francs previously.

"Overall, the results aren't as good as expected," said Philippe Suchet, an industry analyst at the Paris brokerage Transbourse. "The financial costs are much heavier than ex-

"They suffered from the rate hikes," said Edouard de Boisgelin, an industry analyst Merrill Lynch & Co. in London, referring to short-term interest rates. The consensus forecast (for the full year) is going to come

down," he said. Rémy Cointreau also posted one-time gains of 52.2 million francs on the sale of assets, compared with 14.1 million previously. Rémy said it stood a good chance of reporting a rise in net profit for the full year.

The company's managing di-rector, Marc Heriard Dubreuil, said Monday that profit growth in the year to March would be New Year and on currency fluclower than the 20 percent the tuations.

company predicted in the sumprofit of 252 million francs in

The company reports pretax profit for its half-yearly results and net profit for the full year. It also said sales rose 7.5 percent in the first nine months to December 1994, to 5.01 billion The company said pretax francs. Without exchange rate would have been 9 percent.

Cognac sales were worst hit by currency fluctuations, notably by the weak dollar. Cognac sales rose 2.5 percent, but without the currency effect, the rise would have been 4.4 percent.

Sales of wines and spirits rose 14.8 percent, champagne sales rose 4.5 percent and sales of other-label spirits rose 9.3 percent. The company said sales of its Cointreau liqueur increased on

the U.S. market, but the rise was not sufficient to offset a decline on European markets. Sales of the Macallan single malt whisky, and the Famous Grouse blend, which are produced by the Highland Distilleries Co., and distributed by

Remy, both increased, Macal-

lan in the United States particu-

larly, and Famous Grouse in several countries." Remy said fourth-quarter sales would depend largely on sales in Asia for the Chinese (Bloomberg, AFX)

America the Beautiful **European Funds Treasure Treasuries**

PARIS - European bond-fund managers, many of whom took a beating with U.S. Treasuries in 1994, are gradually returning to the American market.

The reason is that, for many, U.S. bonds have regained favor amid hope that U.S. economic expansion will slow and will achieve a so-called soft landing.

Indeed, some money managers say a host of signs now suggest that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's aggressive rate increases of 1994 are finally beginning to bite, and that market expectations for further moves in 1995 will gradually fade in the weeks and months ahead. Such recent signs include weaker-than-expected U.S. economic growth data, such as Friday's report of an 0.1 percent fall in U.S. retail sales in December

In addition, the Mexican crisis as well as the bankruptcy problems in Orange County, California have highlighted the serious risk posed by further Fed rate hikes, some fund

While many money managers still expect the Fed to raise rates by 50 basis points this month late January, some now say that U.S. rates in 1995 could rise by less than half the 150 to 200 basis points that U.S. short-term markets are discounting.

Georg Inderst, assistant chief investment officer at Foreign & Colonial fund management in London, said that the Fed "re-established its anti-inflationary credibility" with its November rate increase and that his firm is planning to increase its holdings of U.S. Trea-

Mr. Inderst said he expected the U.S. economy to land softly in 1995.

Rudolf Chomrak, managing director at the DIT and DBE fund-management groups, both of which are subsidiaries of Dresdner Bank AG, said that more than half of his international fixed-income funds are currently parked in the dollar bloc - the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada -with 33 percent in the U.S. market.

"These markets may perform best in the first quarter," Mr. Chomrak said, " they are more mature in the interest-rate cycle." "And the U.S. dollar should stay firm, rising to 1.65 Deutsche marks, maximum, in the first half of

Some managers say that turbulence in emerging markets sparked by the Mexican currency crisis should help keep the U.S.

Many European fixedincome portfolios ended 1994 underweight in U.S. bonds, expecting a sharp rise in American interest rates.

dollar firm in early 1995 as Western investors abandon high-yielding securities for the relative safety of more mature markets.

Moreover, many European fixed-income portfolios ended 1994 underweight in U.S. bonds and overweight in mark-bloc countries because of expectations of a sharp rise in U.S. rates in late December.

Steven Ilott, a bond-fund manager at London-based Robert Fleming Securities Ltd., said his firm's decision to increase its exposure to the United States was more a "neutralizing move" to correct an overweighting in European markets that carried over from

Among European markets, most fund managers surveyed said that defensive pos-tures adopted in 1994 toward developing markets such as Italy and Spain have generally been reinforced by events in 1995.

Mr. Ilott said that the volatility of Italian, Swedish and Spanish markets could offer opportunities to trade but that, strategically, they were still "bad news."

BCH Likely To Report Income Slide

Banco Hispanoamericano, which left the bank with too many branches and managers. The Spanish daily El Mundo reported Monday that a Bank of Spain audit of the bank showed 1994 pretax profit fell to 30 billion pesetas (\$224 million) from 64.5 billion in 1993.

come from the sales of assets, mainly its industrial holdings. sults had not been calculated.

reported Monday was greater than most earlier predictions, but it caused little concern. Banco Central shares ended 5 pesetas higher, at 3,020 pesetas.

The bank's net profit had been sliding throughout 1994. Net profit fell 12 percent in the first six months.

Investor's Europe Frankfurt Bloomberg Business News

MADRID - Banco Central Hispanoamericano SA could face a 50 percent drop in pretax profit for 1994, but analysts said Monday that investors were braced for the results. Banco Central Hispanoameri-

cano is Spain's biggest privately owned bank. Its problems are thought to stem from the 1991 merger of Banco Central and

That takes into account 50 billion pesetas in extraordinary in-A bank executive said the re-

"The results will be within a certain range, but I can assure you we will not renounce our efforts to clean up the bank's balance sheet just to post better results," a spokeswoman said. Banco Central Hispano expects to report its results in late January or early February.

The projected fall in earnings

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Very briefly:

Union Bank of Switzerland, financial adviser to Saatchi & Saatchi Co., said it had raised its stake to 13.61 percent, making it the largest shareholder. UBS raised its share several times last week and, analysts believed, previously had a stake of less than 5 percent.

Alcon Laboratories Inc., the eye-care-and-drug unit of Nestle SA, has bought Cusi Laboratories SA of Spain for an undisclosed sum. • Western Germany's producer prices rose 0.1 percent in Decem-

ber from November and were up 1.6 percent from a year earlier. • Russia's ruble slipped more than I percent against the dollar on Monday, with the dollar rising to 3,817 rubles, up 41 from Friday. • Philips Electronics NV said its sales rose 3.7 percent in 1994, 10

about 61 billion guilders (\$35.48 billion).

 AlliedSignal Inc. said it signed a letter of intent with Fiat SpA's first quarter, 20 percent in the Polish unit to acquire a braking business in that country.

 Axa SA of France said it was studying the possibility of taking a stake in National Mutual Life Association of Australia as one of a number of possibilities in the Asia/Pacific region.

• Carnival Corp., the world's largest operator of cruise linters. ordered two new ships from Norway's Kvaerner A/S for \$300

Weak Aerospace Market Puts Pressure on Snecma

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — The new chief executive of Snecma, the state-owned French engine maker, said that 1994 losses would exceed those of 1993 and that sales of military and civil engines would fall as the slump in aerospace

markets persists. Bernard Dufour, who took over Snecma in September after the death of its former CEO, said he expected difficult times to continue for at least two years before

markets turn around. We were subjected to a fall in orders for civil engines, and military orders didn't pick up as planned,"

Mr. Dufour said, adding that the company had also had difficulty adjusting its production to orders.

Although Mr. Dufour was not willing to provide a figure for losses in 1994, the loss for the jet engines, the core activity of Snecma, will be greater in 1994 than the 692 million French francs (\$130.33 million) Snecma lost on its civil and military engine business in 1993.

Mr. Dufour said revenue from its the engine business fell to about 10.4 billion francs last year from 10.8 billion in 1993 and 13.5 billion in 1992.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Dutch KPN Plans Autumn NYSE Listing

AMSTERDAM - KPN, the Dutch post and telecommunications monopoly undergoing privatization, said Monday that it would likely seek a listing on the New York Stock Exchange as early as

Koninklijke PTT Nederland NV wants to speed up the listing process to make it possible for the Dutch government to sell a second batch of KPN shares as quickly as possible, according to a company spokes-

When the government in June made the initial public offering of the first block, 30 percent of all KPN shares, it was agreed that the second tranche would be sold only after KPN was listed on Wall Street. The June offering on the Amsterdam

Stock exchange raised about 7 billion guilders (\$4.07 billion). At that time, the government said it would sell in 1996 or 1997 quarterly earnings in the second half of the second tranche of up to 33 percent of

Despite speculation it might move the sale up, the government repeatedly said that it would keep to that schedule.

But in a weekend interview with a Dutch

newspaper, Chairman Wim Dik of KPN advocated speeding up the sale of the sec-American investors took up to 25 per-

cent of the 138 million shares sold in Amsterdam last June, and the KPN spokesman said they have increased their

the American system of reporting earnings than in 1993.

Mr. Dik said he was looking for the New York exchange listing in September or October because that would follow closely after the company announces its earnings for the first half of 1995, due in August or September. In the meantime, the government has agreed not to sell any more of its holdings before June 12.

Shares of KPN in Amsterdam have risen some 15 percent since their flotation as the company twice surpassed moderate earnings forecast made at the time of the listing. holdings since then.

KPN says 1994 net profit likely exceedKPN did not want to switch last year to

ed 2 billion guilders, 11.4 percent higher

EU Figure at Bundesbank

BONN - Peter Schmidhuber, a departing commissioner of the European Union, is set to join the directorate of the Bundesbank pending approval by the German cabinet, the Finance Ministry said Monday.

We don't normally comment on these things before the cabinet gives its approval but, yes, the reports are true," said a spokeswoman for the Finance Ministry.

Mr. Schmidhuber, 63, is considered a political ally of Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany, who proposed him for the post. Mr. Schmidhuber is a member of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats.

Bundesbank appointments are proposed by the government, reviewed at the Bundesbank, and then decided by the

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1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms

"in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear. 2. Deletion in article 24 paragraph 5 of the two references to "close of business" and replacement in the first instance by the words "time of valuation (as the Board of Directors may by resolution direct)" and in the second instance by the words

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Shareholders are advised that a quorum of fifty percent of the shares outstanding of the Corporation present or represented is required in order to constitute a valid meeting and the resolutions must be carried by a majority of two/thirds of the shares at the meeting.

10th January 1995 By Order of the Board of Directors

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Business Ties Grow Between U.S. and India

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW DELHI - American corporations signed contracts worth \$1.4 billion with Indian partners on Monday to launch what U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown described as the start of a new economic partnership between the two countries.

The deals in power generation, telecommunications and linuncial services were the first concrete results from Mr. Brown's five-day trade and investment mission to India, which is considered one of the 10 most promising international markets by the U.S. government.

But American executives complained that India has not done enough to lower tariffs and open its markets, and Mr. Brown said there were concerns about India's cumbersome commercial regulations.

The largest agreement, for a \$920 million power plant to be built by Enron Corp., had previously been announced, but Enron clinched almost \$400 million in financing in New Delhi.

A \$400 million pact was also signed between Mission Energy Co., a unit of American SCE-corp, and Tata Iron & Steel Co. of India to build a 300-megawatt power station in the eastem state of Bihar.

American International Group Inc., the insurer, agreed with Tata Group to enter the Indian insurance and financialservices markets, which have tra-

ditionally been guarded by the government, and US West International Inc. announced on Sunday a \$100 million deal to set up India's first private telecom-

munications system.

More deals were expected on Tuesday, among them a \$350 million sale of two Boeing 747-400 jets to Air India and a \$160 million investment by Soros Fund Management in a refinery

in eastern India.

Executives of the Virginia-based AES Corp. were also working on a deal to build a 5630 million. 420-megawatt coal-fired power plant in the eastern state of Orissa.

Commerce Minister Pranab Mukherjee of India and Mr. Brown signed a pact setting up the U.S.-India Commercial Alliance, aimed at bringing government officials and companies together to boost business ties. "We have just begun to scratch the surface." Mr. Brown said.

Mr. Mukherjee assured Mr. Brown and more than two dozen U.S. business executives that India's prime minister. P. V. Narasimha Rao, would press on with liberalization.

But in a rare public criticism. U.S. executives complained that India had not done enough. The regulatory environment seems to be more burdensome than necessary," said William Ginsberg, chief executive of of Cellular Communications International Inc. (Renters, AFP)

Vultures Over Hong Kong's Dollar Looming Changes Jeopardize Tie to U.S. Currency

HONG KONG - The Hong Kong

government may have won last week's battle against currency speculators seeking to break the Hong Kong dollar's pegged link to the U.S. dollar, but it has not won the war.

Many analysts and investors say there will be further attempts to drive the Hong Kong dollar below its 11-year pegged link of about 7.8 Hong Kong dollars to one U.S. dollar and a minority expect these efforts to succeed.

'I am sure the link will be broken by 1998," said David Roche, a former London-based strategist for Morgan Stanley & Co. "It is a fine one-way bet for a speculator."

Increasing interest rates to support the currency would likely cause savage falls in Hong Kong's already declining stock and real estate markets and could send the economy into a recession, other analysts said.

The other weapon in the territory's arsenal — the much-vannted \$43 billion of foreign currency reserves in its Exchange Fund — could prove to be a paper tiger. The issue could turn out to be politically explosive as the British colony prepares to revert to Chinese sovcreignty on July 1, 1997. While China would not want the Hong Kong dollar to fall in value, neither would it like to see

the British colonial government spend its reserves defending the pegged link. With Sino-British relations strained, a currency crisis could leave the British exposed to accusations of mismanage-

ment from Beijing.
Last week, the Hong Kong Monetary
Authority — the territory's approximation of a central bank - sucked money from the banking system on two successive days to drive up the interest rates that banks charge each other for borrowing money. The overnight interbank rate

rose to 13 percent from around 5 percent. at one stage on Friday. It finished at

around 6 percent on Monday.

The monetary authority said it acted to stop currency speculators from trying to force the Hong Kong dollar down past

the pegged rate.

The U.S. dollar had been pushed to shigh of around 7.7625 Hong Kong dollars last week from about 7.7350 at

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the beginning of the year. The intervention led to a recovery for the Hong Kong unit, and late Monday the U.S. dollar was trading at 7.7455.

"Any time there is a fixed currency link you are going to have particularly testing times and you have to be able to face the music in terms of higher interest rates," said David Levey, managing director for sovereign risk at Moody's investors Service in New York.

Mr. Levey said more assaults on the value of the Hong Kong dollar were likely given the approach of 1997 and the advanced age of China's senior leader

Deng Xiaoping.

Mr. Deng, who is 90, has been the architect of China's economic reforms over the past 16 years and has no clear successor. The likelihood of his death within the next few years has led to fears of political instability and of possible reversals of some of his reforms.

Last week, one of Mr. Deng's daughters

the 1997 shift of Hong Kong sovereignty. "Deng's death, depending on the tim-ing, could be very delicate for the market," said Daryl Ho, an economist at Jardine Fleming Securities. "That would be a possible reason for a challenge," to

the Hong Kong dollar's value.

Mr. Roche, now president of a research firm called independent Strategy, said that driving up interest rates would send Hong Kong's property and stock markets into a tailspin and that China would not allow the Hong Kong government to spend more than a small proportion of its reserves defending the currency.

"Once the big boys decide they want to beat the authorities, they can," he said, referring to currency speculators.
"There is no way the government is going to be able to spend all those reserves and raise interest rates enough to make the end result worth it."

The speculation against the currency has come at a time when Hong Kong looks more vulnerable than it has for a number of years, some analysts said. The Hang Seng index of shares has dropped 37 percent since the beginning of 1994, and apartment prices are down between 15 percent and 30 percent over the past nme months.

The depreciation of the Mexican peso and the subsequent slide in Mexico's financial markets has also shaken international investor confidence in emerging markets, especially those with a fixed or egged exchange rate. Although Hong Kong has been an international market for many years, it often is perceived as an emerging market because of its close links to China.

China's 25 percent inflation rate and some high-profile wrangles over con-tracts between the Chinese and foreign-ers have also helped the Hong Kong said that his health was worsening by the day and that few expect him to live until American mutual-fund investor.

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 Aerospatiale said it beat General Motors Corp.'s Hughes Electronics for a contract to build a telecommunications satellite for Thailand, the first such contract for the French company in Asia.

• Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea said it planned to build electronics plants in North Korea.

• China collected 451.3 billion yuan (\$53.5 billion) in taxes and profits from industrial and commercial companies in 1994, the State Tax Bureau said; the tobacco monopoly provided 12 percent of the taxes, leading all industries, a tobacco spokesman said.

 Japan is forming a consortium with Ascii Corp. Fujitsu Ltd., Hitachi Ltd., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., NEC Corp., Sony Corp. and Toshiba Corp. to develop multimedia software for information networks; the group will receive about \$60 million in financing over a five-year period.

• Hong Kong registered property transactions in December fell 33.5 percent from a year earlier. Bloomberg, AFX, Renters, NYT, AFP

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China Pledges Safety, Not Speed, in Stock Markets ty governor was quoted as saying by

SHANGHAI - China will step up surveillance of its stock markets as it continues to slow expansion. Beijing's chief securities regulator said.

Securities Regulatory Commission, told corruption," the Shanghai Securities a securities seminar in Beijing that the News quoted Mr. Liu as saying. markets must be carefully groomed from 'experiment to popularization" and that corruption must be forestalled.

"Development of securities and futures markets in China must stress quality rather than speed," the China Daily on Monday quoted Mr. Liu as saying.

against two brokerage houses charged with rigging price shares.

"We prepare to establish an aroundthe-clock inspection system to monitor Liu Hongru, chairman of the China the fluctuation of the market to prevent

> China must further improve its legal framework and management system, he said, and authorities must attract more long-term stock investors and curb excessive speculation.

"We should develop institutional in-The surveillance system announce- vestors, especially investment funds to

ment followed fines levied last week improve the stability of the market," Mr. Liu said. 'Our country's securities and futures

markets are still at the stage of exploring the wasteland and laying the road," he He said futures markets in China

would remain an experiment for "quite a long time" and specifically ruled out immediate futures trading in stock indexes, interest rates and currencies. (Reuters, AFP)

■ Central Bank Tightening Money

Zhou Zhengqing said the tight credit policy should cut inflation to 15 percent

news agencies in Beijing.

this year. He said the People's Bank would step up efforts to prevent random borrowing and lending, illegal fund-rais-ing and other banned activities. But credits for agriculture will be in-

creased by 26.4 percent.

Consumer prices in December were 25.5 percent higher than in December 1993, the State Statistics Bureau said, China's central bank will tighten the down from the 27.5 percent rate in Nomoney supply to curb inflation, a depu-vember. (Rewers, AFP, Bloomberg, AP)

Seoul Delays OECD Bid

SEOUL - Worried that it could suffer economic upheavals similar to those in Mexico, South Korea said Monday it would postpone a planned application for membership to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of leading industrialized nations.

Secul had planned to apply to the group of 25 countries this week but will wait at least until March, officials said. "The government took into account the Mexican currency crisis that came after Mexico joined the OECD last year in deciding to postpone filing an entry application," said Sun Joun-Yung, assistant minister of South Korea's foreign ministry.

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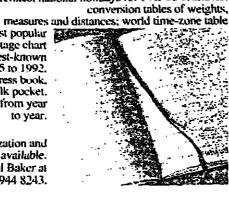


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Statistics May Never Lie, but They Increasingly Mislead in America

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Federal statisticians have begun the most ambitious effort since the late

1950s to remedy mounting defi-

ciencies in measuring America's

economic performance. Government and private analysts said the statistical system increasingly fails to capture the numbing array of new technologies and structural changes in today's \$7 trillion economy. In-deed, it is widely believed that government tax and spending policies along with monetary regulation by the Federal Reserve Board have been affected by misleading data.

For example, had the "true severity" of the 1990-1991 recession been known earlier, the Council of Economic Advisers wrote in January 1993, "policy might have been conducted in a different fashion" to more aggressively counter it.

Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, told Congress last week that the consumer price index overstates inflation by as much as 1.5 percentage points.

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The problems cited by Mr. that capacity utilization is close to its historic maximum, that doesn't mean much of any-thing, said Vladi Catto, chief economist at Texas Instruments Inc., referring to a widely fol-lowed gauge of inflation poten-tial calculated by the Fed.

Officials responsible for federal statistics - which cost taxpayers \$2.6 billion a year to amass — acknowledged the gaps and distortions and said they were working hard on improvements in a climate of rapid economic shifts and tight budgets for data collection.

Having last week formally identified gaps and shortcom-ings, the Commerce Department is to decide in the next several weeks which statistics most urgently need repairs and will recommend specific reme-dies. In March, the department plans a meeting here of statislics users whose views will be incorporated in the plan.

The Labor Department, which sweepingly updated its er entitlement spending as well monthly employment report as adjustments in tax brackets last year, is well along with an pegged to the inflation rate, Republicans in Congress were index, which would take effect in January 1998. By June it plans to switch methodology to increase the accuracy of the lion over the next five years closely scrutinized tabulation of without a single specific budget payrolls by telling states which establishments to survey in-

only meet the expectations of its users by changing as rapidly as the economy it measures," said Everett M. Ehrlich, undersecretary for economic affairs at the Commerce Department, in announcing just before Christmas the review of its national income and product accounts, which make up the gross domestic product. This is the set of figures, created in the late 1920s when goods were more important than services. that provides quarterly totals of economic activity and the de-gree to which it is expanding or contracting. The Commerce Department and the Labor Department are the government's chief purveyors of nonagricul-

tural statistics. The struggle to keep up, Mr. Ehrlich said, means adapting to "the changing composition of the economy, the implications of technological progress, the greater level of global economic

Greenspan and the others do not mean that the policies that tion might be only half the rate least some effect on the central

"It probably leads to slightly tighter monetary policy," said William D. Nordhaus, an economics professor at Yale Unilinked to inflation are "surely" overgenerous, said Mr. Nord- ate," Mr. Ehrlich said. haus, who has pioneered development of alternative ways to measure national income.

So far, according to private analysis and a Commerce Department review team that pub-lished its findings on Wednesday, the official figures still integration and a variety of other reliably tell in which direction

high or low relative to the trend.

But these accounts involving follow from the statistics are total output of goods and ser-topsy-turvy. Mr. Greenspan, vices are not capturing the full for instance, did not say that he effect of such things as computwas conducting monetary poli-cy on the assumption that infla-derivatives that vault international boundaries and advances published by the Labor Depart- in telecommunications technolment. But others said they be- ogy that defy attempts at adlieved the overstatement has at justment for higher quality and lower prices.

The traditional metaphor of the gross domestic product as the bottom line on a cash-register tape tallying a shopping cart full of toasters, haircuts, Cheerversity. Benefit programs ios and gallstone surgery "is becoming evermore inappropri-

> Joseph W. Duncan, an economist at Dun & Bradstreet Corp. who was formerly chief statistician at the Office of Management and Budget and at the Commerce Department, said: "Conceptually is where we have the trouble."

He pointed, for example, to

U.S. know-how, but that doesn't get measured," Mr.

Duncan said. Related to the problem constructing the right kind of statistical net is the frequency with which figures must be sig-nificantly revised. On Friday. for example, a big downward adjustment in retail sales for November contributed to a mood swing that prompted one Wall Street house to declare that "the Commerce Depart-

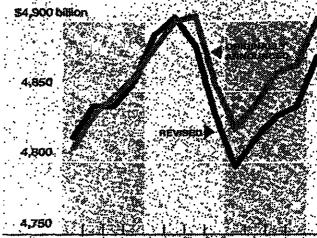
ment stole Christmas.

Economists at S.G. Warburg Co. added: "If the latest retail sales readings are anywhere near accurate, which we doubt, then they put a very different light on the momentum of the economy at year's end."

Such skepticism came despite the Commerce Department's warning that the first sales results for each month are based on a small subsample of retailers, causing a large margin for error, and are thus subject to sizable revision.

U.S. Recession Revision

Revised figures released on the recession of 1950-91 show that the decline in quarterly real process domestic product was steeper than previously thought.



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AGENDA

1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

Deletion in article 24 paragraph 5 of the two references to "close of business" and replacement in the first instance by the words "time of valuation (as the Board of Directors may by resolution direct)" and in the second instance by the words "time of valuation"

3. Amendment of the "Valuation Regulations", sub-paragraph B(ii) of article 24 of the Articles of Incorporation so that it reads as follows:

"(ii) the value of any bond, time note, share, stock, debenture stock, subscription right, warrant, option or other investment or security which shall be listed or dealt in upon any stock exchange shall be determined as at the time of valuation (as the Board of Directors may by resolution direct) on any Valuation Date by taking the last available closing price (or if there has been no sale, at the closing bid price) on the Valuation Date on the stock exchange that is normally the principal market for such security, all as reported by any means in common use or, if the Board so decides, at the last available price at the time when the valuation is carried out, or in event of emergencies or unusual circumstances regarding trading of such security, if the Corporation considers that such price does not reflect the fair market value thereof, it may substitute such figure as in its opinion represents the

4. Deletion in the Valuation Regulations Subparagraph D. F (a), F (b) and F (c) of the terms "close of business" and replacement by the words "time of valuation".

Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares by US persons or of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3%) of the outstanding shares, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may attend and vote at the meeting or may Fund.

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AGENDA

1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

Deletion in article 22 paragraph 5 of the two references to "close of business" and replacement in the first instance by the words "time of valuation (as the Board of Directors may by resolution direct)" and in the second instance by the words "time of valuation"

Amendment of the "Valuation Regulations", sub-paragraph (2) (b) of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation so that it reads as follows:

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4. Deletion in the Valuation Regulations Subparagraph 4, 6 (a), 6 (b) and 6 (c) of the terms "close of business" and replacement by the words "time of valuation".

Subject to the limitations imposed by the Articles of Incorporation of the Fund with regard to ownership of shares by US persons or of shares which constitute in the aggregate more than three percent (3%) of the outstanding shares, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may attend and vote at the meeting or may xv to attend and vote. Si DESTIN DES Fund.

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AGENDA

1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

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4. Deletion in the Valuation Regulations Subparagraph D, F (a), F (b) and F (c) of the terms "close of business" and replacement by the words "time of valuation".

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1. Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

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SPORTS

Hapless Cowboys Lost More Than Their Hearts in San Francisco

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
SAN FRANCISCO — Look who just got caught.

America's Team. They had romped through the National Football League to two consecutive Super Bowl titles. But the Dallas Cowboys, the team, so far, of the 1990s, have been caught by the team of the 1980s. New history. Old history. A new song now with a familiar refrain.

San Francisco 38, Dallas 28. The 49ers are going to Super Bowl XXIX to play the San Diego Chargers, not the Cowboys. The 49ers are shooting for an NFL-record fifth Super Bowl championship, not the

The 49ers, before a record crowd of 69,125 Sunday afternoon in Candlestick Park, played loose and daringly and didn't produce big turnover after bigger turnover. Not the Cowboys.

And that made the difference in this National Football Conference championship game.

It started with flurry for the 49ers, who scored the first 21 points in fewer than seven and a half minutes. And the Cowboys contributed with a turnover before each of the three touch-

before halftime and trailing by savvy enough to avoid the inter-

By Timothy W. Smith

PITTSBURGH - As he

stepped onto a podium for the

post-game interviews, lineback-

er Junior Seau of the San Diego

Chargers rolled his left shoulder

slight! then winced. The gri-

mace was quickly replaced by a

smile when he was asked how

he felt about his first trip to the

"I can't tell you, to tell you the truth," Seau replied. "It's a

time where you go through hills

and valleys in the course of 60

minutes. At the end of the

play. You don't know whether

to cry or yell or smile. All I

know is we're going to the Su-

arm. He has played the last

eight games with one good arm,

and early on against the Pitts-

burgh Steelers here Sunday af-

ternoon it looked as if Seau was

going to single-handedly deliver

Of the 13 plays on Pitts-

burgh's opening drive for a

touchdown, Seau was involved

in five of the tackles - three of

them solo, one with which he

stopped running back Barry

Foster for no gain on a screen

pass. For the game Seau fin-

ished with 16 tackles (12 solo)

the Chargers a victory.

Since the New England game

16. A chance to close?

Three plays and a lousy 23yard punt later, the 49ers had the ball at the Dallas 39 with 30 seconds left. And eight seconds were still left when quarterback Steve Young zipped a pass to Jerry Rice for a 28-yard touchdown. It was now 31-14.

And, it was virtually over. Sure, the Cowboys fought back and even outscored the 49ers in the final quarter, 7-0. But their start had sealed their

When it finally ended, Young raced around his team's bench, the football held high in his left hand, to run a victory lap in one end of the stadium as the crowd chanted "Steve, Steve, Steve,"

"It's one of the greatest feel-ings of all time," said Young, who knows he can escape the giant shadow of the 49ers' former quarterback, Joe Montana, only by winning a Super Bowl.

"Honestly, I swear to you I haven't felt a monkey" on his back. He continued: "If he was there, it was a light monkey, and if you all say it's gone now, that makes me happy."

Young did not have one of his great statistical games, completing 13 of 29 passes for 155 yards. But he was nimble Then, with 62 seconds left enough not to be sacked and

For Seau, Star Charger Linebacker,

'Best Day' Despite a Pinched Nerve

and knocked down a pass.

better game," said the Chargers'

free safety, Stanley Richards.

"I've seen him make more tack-

les, but I've never seen him

make more big plays. He was all

over the field today. It felt good

being out there with Junior

"He had in his mind that

there was no reason we were going to lose this football game. You could see the intensity and

the fire he had from the start of

eight men at the line of scrim-

mage to stop Pittsburgh's rush-

ing attack, which led the league

with an average of 136.6 yards a

game. They were successful in

Seau played a pivotal role in

helping the defense keep the

Steelers off balance. With his

speed, he was able to blitz and

drop back into pass coverage.

And when the Steelers did try to

run sweeps around the corner,

Seau was there to greet the run-

their game plan to pass more,"

he said. "Once you see that

from a smash-mouth football

team, you know that they're do-

ing something different that

they're not used to.'

"I felt the Steelers altered

The Chargers came in with a

Seau today.

the game."

game, it comes down to that last defensive game plan of stacking

on Nov. 20, Seau has been play- that regard, holding the Steelers

ing with a pinched nerve in his to 66 yards rushing. The Steel-

neck that has deadened his left ers passed 54 times.

"I've never seen him play a

boys.

He also scored a touchdown with a rugged three-yard run on a quarterback draw and connected for two touchdown passes: 29 yards to running back Ricky Watters for a 14-0 lead and the 28-yarder to wide receiver Rice that gave them the 20-point lead.

The Cowboys' Troy Aikman did not fare as well. The Super Bowi's most valuable player two seasons ago, he had his third pass of this game inter-cepted by cornerback Eric Davis and returned 44 yards for a touchdown. It was the first of three interceptions Aikman would throw. And although he did pass for 380 yards, he had to pick himself out of the mud after four sacks and numerous knockdowns by the 49ers' de-

Then there was the 49ers' coach, George Seifert. On his face was relief, excitement, euphoria. A year ago, in Dallas, he had looked as trazzled and as an excellent place at a wonder-beaten as his team after the ful time for the 49ers. third straight NFC title game loss to the Cowboys. A loss the Cowboys had even lustily and boldly predicted. The 49ers were embarrassed by the whole thing. And seldom are the 49ers, a well-oiled machine of a

franchise, embarrassed. So, they went to work with

On the Steelers' final offen-

sive drive, which started at their

17 with 5 minutes, 13 seconds to

play and got down to the Char-

gers' 9 at the two-minute warn-

ing, Seau tried to persuade San

Diego's defensive coordinator.

Bill Arnsparger, to be more ag-gressive and attack Pittsburgh

quarterback Neil O'Donnell.

That would have meant the

switch out of their zone cover-

age and into man. Arnsparger

The Chargers' defense yield-

duced two deflected passes by

linebacker Dennis Gibson. The

iast one, on fourth-and-goal

from the 3, ensured the victory.

the ball, we would have some-

one to tackle them. And that's

Seau, who aggravated his in-

jury again in the second quar-

ter, has one more game to play

before he can rest the pinched

nerve and get the feeling back in

happened here, it's worth-while," he said. "You never

play this game 100 percent healthy, and you should never

"It's pain, but after what

exactly how we did it."

his left arm.

expect to."

24-14, they had the ball at their ceptions that did in the Cow-one goal: to catch Dallas. They did it with free agency, with a revamped defense, and with creativity on both sides of the

> As Seifert said before the game: "I know the pressure that goes with this job. But it's not like I don't have weapons here. It's not like the cupboard is bare. We've got some guns. I know that. It makes the pressure and going into battle a lot easier to handle."

Afterward, he called this victory "the coaching thrill of my

It all began on the game's third play, a third-and-8 pass from the Dallas 36. Aikman looked for Kevin Williams running a square-out route from the inside receiver slot.

Davis was covering Michael lrvin on a go pattern but left him because he either read the play toward Williams or because he was playing zone and safety Toi Cook was to pick up Irvin. Either way, Davis was in

He took inside position on Williams and the ball, snatched it away and ran down the left sideline for a 44-yard touchdown. The game was only 62seconds old and San Francisco

Dallas took the kickoff. It ran two plays. One lost 3 yards, the other lost 4. Third-and-17. Wide receiver Irvin beat Davis and caught the ball for a 16vard gain, but Davis stripped him of the ball and safety Tim McDonald recovered at the Dallas 39.

Shortly afterward, Watters made it 14-0. The Cowboys fumbled the

next kickoff. Williams could not get a clean handle on the ball but the 49ers' kicker, Doug Brien, could, at the Dallas 35. Fullback William Floyd bul-

lied in from the one and it was

21-0, with 7:37 still left in the first quarter. Those 21 points in the opening quarter tied a league playoff Chargers would have had to mark that had stood for nearly 55 years. The only other team to do it was the Chicago Bears in held firm and stuck with the that famous 73-0 National

tory over the Washington Reded a 7-yard reception by full. skins in 1940.

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Football League title game vic-

that much. It just felt like it. (NYT, WP) Oddsmakers in Las Vegas,

Humphries4-(minus 31. Pirrsourae, reserra-7. LWilliams 3-16 Apris 2-2 O'Donnell 7-1. PASSING—Son Diego, Humphries 11-2-1-165. Pirisburgh, O'Donnell 32-46-9-39, RECEIVING—Son Diego, Pupunu 4-76. Meons 2-19, Jefferson 2-16, Marrim 1-43, Michanticipating a Super Bowl mis-"I have to give him credit for sticking to that," Seau said.
"Playing zone, if they caught the Chargers. It was the biggest the San Francisco Meons 2-19. Jefferson 2-16. Morth eth 19. Hartman 1-1 minus 81. Pith ethic 19. Hartman 1-1 opening margin in Super Bowl history.

In England, Ladbrokes posted the 49ers as 1-9 favorites, with the Chargers at 5-1 and the biggest Super Bowl underdogs the British bookmaker has ever

The Las Vegas point spread didn't deter some bettors, who quickly put money on the 49ers and prompted one sports book to move the line to 19 points. Last year, \$54.5 million was

wagered on the Super Bowl in

Nevada sports books.

SF-FG Brien 34, 9:06. Dol-E-Smith 4 run (Boniol kick), 13:04.

Dul-E.Smith 1 run (Banial kick), 3:12 SF-S.Yaung 3 run (Brien kick), 8:2?.



Steve Young scored for the 49ers, on a three-yard quarterback sneak, but more importantly be didn't make mistakes.

SCOREBOARD

NFL Playoff Summaries

Second Quaries

Third Quarter

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
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The AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Priess' college backettall poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, record through Jan. 15, total points based on 21 points for a first-place vote

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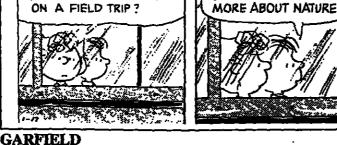
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Mader Wins A Very Close Super-G Race

KITZBUHEL. Austria

Günther Mader gained his 11th World Cup victory Monday by winning a men's super-G race. Mader was timed in 1 min-

ute, 21.52 seconds, just .03 second ahead of Peter Runggaldier of Italy. Third was Mader's Austrian leammate, Armin Assinger, clocked in 1:21.70.

With the victory, Mader moved into second place in the overall standings, but far behind Alberto Tomba.

"It was a demanding course but no matter what you do, a win in Kitzbühel is good," said Mader, who has won points in all five disciplines this season. He has been consistently in

the top 15 this season in downhills and giant slaloms, and came in second in the combined downhill-slalom results on Sun-

who won the season's first super-G, nearly five weeks ago. clipped a gate and was eliminated after being near Mader's time midway down the course. "I had a chance to win and

risked everything." Ortlieb said. The Olympic downhill champion, Tommy Moe of the United States, finished ninth. He was the only racer to place in the top 10 in both downhills and the super-G that were raced this time at Kitzbühel.

Luc Alphand of France, who won both of Saturday's downhills, came in 15th. Almost 1.5 meters (60 inches)

of snow forced organizers to run two downhills on the same day, a first for the World Cup For the past three days, how-

ever, the weather has been bright, sunny and cold with nearly perfect course conditions for the five events. The men now go to Wengen, Switzerland, for two more

The women's next races are in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, with two downhills and a giant slaiom scheduled for this week-

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Patrick Ortlieb of Austria. Jim Courier, sporting longer locks, made short work of David Rikl of the Czech Republic, winning by 6-4, 6-0, 7-6 (7-2).

Dickson's Boat: Leaner, Maybe Meaner

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service

SAN DIEGO - It's a classic sight in America's Cup racing: bright skies, rolling seas and sailors sitting like ducks in a row on the high side of a sailboat. But if New Zealand's TAG Heuer Challenge succeeds here, those stylized days could be over.

The team's new shark-gray boat sailed here for the first time Sunday in the Louis Vuitton Cup challengers trials, before rough seas forced a halt in racing on Monday. The syndicate, led by Chris Dickson, has taken a more radical slant on design than any other team. And it appears to have paid off: The yacht, yet been named, beat Nippon 94 by 57 seconds.

Instead of sitting on the rail on upwind

legs, this crew hunkers down in the bowels of the boat, like teammates on a four-man bobsled. Only the afterguard, Dickson and his tactician and navigator, stand tall.

"We've tested long, skinny boats and short, wide boats," Dickson said at the 75foot (22.8-meter) yacht's christening last week. "What we ended up with is a boat that Bruce Farr thinks is right, what I feel is right, and what the tank tests feel is right." The TAG Heuer yacht does look differ-

ent. It was designed by Bruce Farr &

Zealander, is known for creating the fast-est sailboats in major grand prix regattas around the world. But he has yet to produce an America's Cup winner.

"All the shapes go through Bruce's knowledge of how boats go through the water," said Russell Bowler, a Farr associate in Annapolis. "The boat looks businesslike. But we'll see how beautiful it is after some racing."
While none of the America's Cup de-

signers will give away secrets, New Zea-land's sailboat looks skinnier than any other contender here. The deck width of an International America's Cup Class yacht is not allowed to exceed 18 feet, but it is likely that New Zealand's pared-down hull is closer to 14 feet wide.

From its bow on, the craft looks more like half of a catamaran than a monobull. Its plumb bow sits straight up from the water, rather than being angled forward as with other yachts. And it's so thin at the front that the bow's leading edge looks as if it could slice a side of beef.

David Pedrick, the chief designer for Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes 95, said

Associates, a naval architecture firm in races appear to be following a trend for Annapolis, Maryland. Farr, a native New narrow hulls. The change comes from a switch in the course, which for 1995 has eliminated the Z-shaped reaching legs.

The wider boats of the 1992 cup races took into account the reaching legs, where big, powerful sails were developed to improve speed on what was essentially a drag race to the mark. Fuller, wider boats meant more stability.

But in boat design, an advantage for one point of sail may be a drawback for another. Other designers have chosen the high ground, opting for less radical designs that may be better in a wider band of winds. Grant Simmer, design coordinator for

Fluid Thinking, the firm that developed the yacht one Australia, estimates that the TAG Hener boat might be fastest in light winds, perhaps seven to eight knots. It may lose its efficiency in anything over 13 knots.

In other challenger races Sunday, Black Magic 2 of New Zealand beat France 2 by 2:40, while Sydney 95 of defeated Rioja de España by 3:43.

In the defenders' trials, PACT 95's new yacht, Young America, defeated America3 by 37 seconds. It was Young America's first race after sustaining serious damage two weeks ago during a severe windstorm.

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Sampras Sends Warning: No. 1's Better Than Ever

MELBOURNE - With one sublime sequence of shots and several well-chosen words. Pete Sampras issued a warning Monday to any pre-tenders to his Australian Open crown and No. I ranking.

Consider this display in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 victory

over Gianluca Pozzi during the first round: Sampras darted to his right for a forehand volley and whirled to his left to put away a

backhand volley for one point, served an ace up the middle for the second point, dropped in a feathery half-volley for the third point and drove a backhand deep to take the game at love.

Sampras could do anything he wanted, and usually did, against the No. 95-ranked Pozzi, whose soft game is more suited to clay courts. But in case any, higher-ranked rivals weren't watching, Sampras reiterated his intentions few minutes later. minutes later. "Winning... walking away from here defend-ing my title," he said. "Anything less is not good

enough. I'm at the point that either you win it or

you don't. I've been on both sides of winning

majors and losing the finals, and there's a huge difference. Nobody remembers who comes in To that end, he said, he is still working to improve his game, trying to serve and volley on his second serve for the first time in his career. chip and charge a little, mix things up to keep an

opponent guessing.

"The last thing I want to do is be predictable, so the guy knows where I'm going all the time," Sampras said. "It's something I want to work on

to add to my game." The injuries that nagged him last summer, after he won Wimbledon again, have healed, But his main rivals have improved, too, notably Andre Agassi, who surged from a low of No. 32 to

and Boris Becker, back up from No. 11 to No. 3.

There is two-time Australian champion Jim
Courier, hoping to enjoy the game at last as he
works his way back up the rankings from No. 9.
He beat David Rikl of the Czech Republic, 6-4. 6-0, 7-6 (7-2).

No. 2 by year's end after winning the U.S. Open,

psychological boost by beating Sampras in straight sets in the final of an exhibition Saturday.

Chang got off to a rocky start in the Open with a 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory over Australian Paul Kilderry, a wild-card entrant who is ranked 187.

No. 7 Michael Stich, who lost in the first round last year, beat Jeff Tarango of the United States, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Stich served 16 aces and said six-week break "did me good. I feel better than last year. I'm more relaxed, more recharged and fresher."
No. 6 Stefan Edberg, top-ranked in 1990 and 1991, was

nearly sent packing before top-pling 18-year-old Australian Mark Philippoussis, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1), 7-5.

"He was hitting so hard I def. Korslen Broasch, Germanv. 6-1, 6-7 (10-121. 6-4, 7-4 (7-2): Lars Burgsmuller, Germo-ny, def. Younes El Aymoui. Morocco, 6-2, 6-7 (8-10), 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Stetan Edberg (6), Swepowerful as you're going to get. He should be proud of himself." Former finalists Mats Wi-

Brendo Schultz (12), Netherlands, del. Aurin Kschwenol, Germany, 6-1, 6-2; Sandrine Testud, France, del. Caroline Vis. Netherlands, 6-4, 6-0; Elina Remach, South Africa, del. Rochel McQuillan, Australia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; Nicole Braditie, Australia, del. Katarina Studentia. lander and Pat Cash were both heaten. In the top women's matches. Wimbledon champion and No. 2 Conchita Martinez beat Bar-

bara Rittner 6-3, 6-2, and No. 4 Natalia Zvereva (B), Belarus, del, Alexanore Fusal, France, 6-4, 6-0; Patricla Tarabini, Argentina, del, Nicole Pratti. Australia, 6-0, 6-1; 1; Maritha Hinsis, Switzerfamd, del, Jolen-Watanabe, U.S. 6-0, 7-e (7-2); Shaum Statland. Mary Pierce beat Tina Krizan, Martina Hingis, the 14-yearold from Switzerland, won her

Aliriam Oremans, Netherlands, del, Shi-ling Vang, Talwan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3: Silvia Farina, Itafirst match in a Grand Slam tournament, beating Jolene iv. del. Gigi Fernandez, U.S. 7-5, 6-2: Yone Kamio, Japan, del. Katerina Maleeva, Bul-Watanabe of the United States, Romin, Joseph et: Kalerina Majeeva, Syl-garia, 7-4 (7-4), 6-1; Berlina Fulco-Villello, Argentina, del. Noelle Van Lottum, Franco, 6-1, 6-3; Yavuk Bosuki, Indonesia, del. Ginger Helgeson-Nielsen, U.S., 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. 6-0, 7-6 (7-2). Hingis won the first set in just 19 minutes, yielding only 11 points. Mary Pierce (4), Franco, del. Tino Krizas-Stovenia, 6-1, 6-0: Anno Smashovo, Israel, del. Eleno Wosner, Germany, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-3: Kristle Boosert, Netherlands, del. Linda Ferrando, Italy, 6-2, 4-4, 6-9: Toral Whitlinger-Courier, who now comes with

curly, strawberry-red locks instead of a crew cut, also unveiled a no-worry attitude to replace the demeanor that grew Assy Frazier (14), U.S., det. Annobel Eli-wood, Austrolla. 6-8, 6-2: Beatle Reinsladler. Austria, del. Petra Langrova. Czech Republic. 6-1,7-6 (7-3) Sondra Cacic. U.S., del. Asa Carlis-son, Sweden. 6-2, 6-2; Anke Huber (10), Ger-many, del. Ludmilla Richterova. Czech Re-public. 6-2, 6-4. more surly as he drifted from No. 1 to No. 13 during 1994.

Speaking of the pressures of the tour, he said, "I have to go to the beach more often. Unfor-Karina Habsudova, Slovekia, del. Natholie Boudone, Italy, 4-4, 6-2; Kyaka Nogolsuka, Japan, del. Borbara Schett, Austria, 6-0, 6-4; Amondo Coetzer, South Africa, del, Angeles Martolia, Spain, 6-2, 6-2; Lori McNeti (15). tunately, I don't get tanned, but I have to go anyway.

U.S. det. Alexia Dechoume-Balleret, France. 6-3, 6-3; Veronika Martinek, Germany, def. Larisa Neiland, Latyla, 7-5, 6-3. a fluctuation," he said. "It's always a lot more fun when you are winning. It's human nature.

going up the mountain than trying to stay on top of it." (AP, Reuters)



Martina Hingis breezed through her open-And there is No. 5 Michael Chang, who got a er, but was ambushed by autograph seekers.

A Long Road Ahead

ONDON — There is no offseason in tennis. The sport goes on L vacation for three weeks over Christmas and expects everyone to return refreshed and ready to work.

No doubt this has helped build the Australian Open which,

logically, should have the best tennis of the year. The French Open is more famous, but a lot of the best players feel emasculated by the clay there; three weeks later at Wimbledon they vent those frustrations with serves and volleys hum-drum in their violence like a Shaquille O'Neal with a racket. Then by the U.S. Open it's September, the hard court is hardest on the legs and the best days

for the year might well be behind a player.

This isn't a perfect argument on behalf of Australia, as Stefan Edberg can be remembered peaking beautifully at the U.S. Open not too long ago. But as the game's recently dominant players -Pete Sampras and Jim Courier - __

have grown into the No. 1 ranking, they've played best in the first half couldn't even react to some of the year. Others are permitted to his shots," Edberg said. "He's as coast every now and then, but any-

one who reaches No. 1 is less likely to allow himself the occasional

easy day. He can be eaten up by his own desire.
"There have been a lot of times where I've over-trained and where I haven't been able to take two or three days off without feeling guilty," said Courier after his first-round victory Monday: last week he won a tournament for the first time in 17 months. "Hopefully that won't happen again. Hopefully I'm going to pace myself a little bit better. It's a game; it should never feel like

something other than that." No. 2 Andre Agassi has always been happy taking his time. He passed up Wimbledon for three years, and until now has never played the Australian Open. He's there because he wants to be No. 1, and that means living by everyone else's schedule.

Suddenly Agassi is taking the long view of his career. Not only does he want to join the short list of 11 men who have been ranked No. I, he wants to complete a career Grand Slam, lacking this tournament and the French Open. The latter is the only major title to elude Sampras. He has been looking forward to the day when the 24-year-old Agassi commits himself to becoming a main rival.

For the first time in a year, the major events won't be just about Sampras. Now it's Sampras and Agassi, with the understanding that Agassi has to survive the grind. His blinding victories at Wimbledon (1992) and the U.S. Open (last year) came as the result of his own pace. Can he be brilliant and fresh while living a version of Sampras' cloistered life? To maintain concentration Sampras eats room service and he doesn't sightsee. No one expects that of

Agassi, but overcoming Sampras will be a victory of discipline.

AGASSI IS TALKING about playing well into his 20s, but it's been a long time since a 29-year-old has held steady around No. 1. No one could fault the 23-year-old Sampras if his game fell off in two or three years. It probably wouldn't come from a lack of "I always, deep down, love the effort, but more likely from a clotting. Sampras has reacted by game, but I think there is always calling for a true offseason that would spare him, but it isn't going to happen. The game placates him and the others with millions from prizes, appearances and endorsements. A marketing man might say that the sport is a global business, and the player is

also enjoy the fight.

At last Agassi has cut off his distracting locks and jumped in full. This fortnight might have longterm implications. If he wins this one, it won't be the result of his majora and the mountain. he skipping this event and that one, joining the marathon field halfway along. He finds everyone healthy and ready for the first leg of a long, long road.

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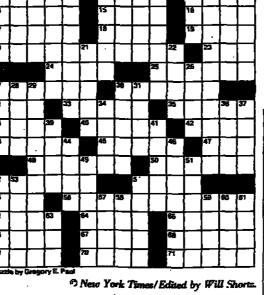
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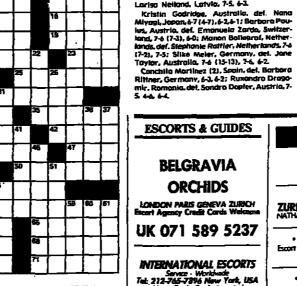
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Newt and the 'B' Word

WASHINGTON — "Mom. anchorwomen. They'll take advantage of you every time." "When you're hot you're

"You got me into so much trouble over the Connie Chung

show. Instead of discussing my Contract With America on the greatest day of my life. I spent the entire time denying to the press what a witch Hillary was."

"Witch?" "Well something like that. I wish you would stop telling everyone what I told you about the first lady. That was a privileged conversation between a son and his

"Newt, Connie took it out of context. I told her that when I asked for your opinion of Hillary, you called her a bitch. I then made you wash out your mouth with soap and water. But Connie and her producers left the soap and water part on the cut-

ting-room floor."
"Mom, you can't trust liberal

The N.Y. Public Library **Buys Cage Manuscripts** New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts has announced that it had acquired the manuscripts of John Cage. The col-lection consists of 26.000 pages of Cage's scores, sketches and musical writings and constitutes about 95 percent of the output of perhaps the most influential composer of the late 20th century.

The president of the New York Public Library, Paul Le-Clerc, said the library bought the papers from the Cage estate for an undisclosed amount.

"What really got me mad, Newt, was that she told me I could whisper into her ear how you had described the first lady
—and it would be just between us. She sure had me fooled, the

"Hold it, Mom. We have to stop using that word. There are a lot of dog lovers in America, and some of them are conservatives. They don't like to hear their pets being compared to women — especially not on national television."

"What am I to do, Newt? Every time I go on the air, right off the bat they ask me about Hillary. They never ask me about Bill Clinton, only Hillary. Do you want me to lie and say that she's the thinking woman's Phyllis Schlafly?"

"Say what you want, but please avoid dropping the 'B' word during interviews."

"Suppose Barbara Walters asks me to whisper into her

Tell her since Connie Chung stabbed you in the back you've cut back on using the word."

"I'll do what you ask. but you're taking a lot of fun out of my celebrity tour. If Diane Sawyer wants to know what we think of Mrs. Yeltsin. can I use the 'B' word then?'

"It won't do any harm, par-ticularly with all the defense contractors who have contributed to my political action fund.

"Newty, what would you really like me to say when they ask me what you honestly think of Hillary?"

"Just tell them that I respect her, admire her intelligence and feel that she's doing an excellent job as first lady.

"If I say something like that. they won't invite me on televiion ever again."

The Newest Monument in Paris: A World of Music

By David Stevens tional Herold Tribune

PARIS — The most recent of the major cultural construction projects of the Mitterrand era, and in some ways the least visible, the newly opened Cité de la Musique nevertheless is a potential catalyst for profound change in French musical edu-cation and in the habits of the musical public.

The Cité de la Musique and its

architectural and working pendant, the new Conservatoire de Paris, are part of, and stand at the entrance to, the vast Parc de la Villette, on the grounds of the former abattoir at the northeast edge of Paris. The park, whose other components include the Cité des Sciences, the Grande Halle with its multiple exhibition and performance spaces, and the Zénith, which caters to largescale popular events like rock con-

The potential for generating change in what has been a marginal and unchic part of Paris, can already be seen in the increased restaurant life on the side of Avenue Jean-Jaures facing the entrance to the park.

Strictly speaking, what opened with a series of concerts over the weekend was not the entire Cité de la Musique, but its principal component, the concert hall. Basically, it is a rectangular space within an ellipse. with variable working space, variable acoustics, and seats for about 1,000. more or less, according to the needs of the moment. The hall's programs from now until summer amounts to a declaration of eclectic intent as well as a series of trial runs to test the physical and acoustical potential of the hall.

Next weekend brings a series of events devoted to music of the Maghreb, followed by a series with Paul McCreesh and his Gabrieli Consort and Players in music of the Venetian 16th and 17th centuries, then Claudio Abbado with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe, followed by a group of programs centering on the music of the American Steve Reich and the Dutch composer Louis An-

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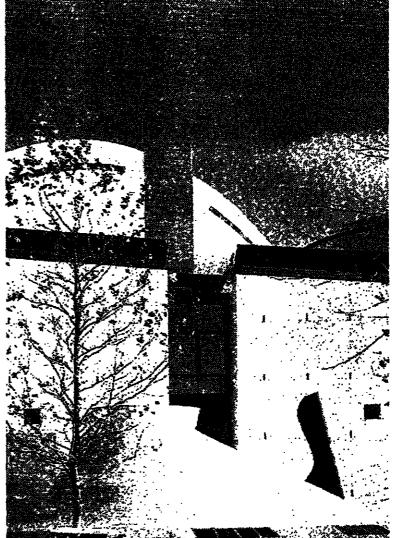
such as a program of Gesualdo and Pierre Boulez (Feb. 23 and 25) and another of ritual music that pairs a Japanese Gagaku orchestra with Boulez's "Rituel in Memoriam Ma-

The spatial possibilities of the con-cert hall will be tested by Boulez's "Repons." which requires the musicians to be surrounded by the public, and Karlheinz Stockhausen's "Gruppen," which calls for four orchestras and four conductors more or less surrounding the public. Not to forget that around 1600 the Gabrielis, uncle and nephew, were already experi-menting with music performed by

musicians distributed in space. Much of the programming is ac-companied by collateral events, such as rehearsals open to the public, or ateliers related to the current pro-

Aside from the concert hall, the Cité de la Musique's major component will be a musical museum, scheduled to open in June. Originally intended primarily as a place to put the conservatory's collection of 4,500 musical instruments, the idea has gradually been expanded to that of a general museum of music, including space for temporary exhibitions that presumably would supplement the concert programming. The museum will also include an amphitheater of 230 seats - the only other performing space in the Cité besides the concert hall - and, of course, a bookstore and boutique.

The Cité de la Musique's 53,200 square meters (575,000 square feet) will house headquarters for the Ensemble InterContemporain, the performing arm of Boulez's IRCAM research institute, which has basically been homeless since it was founded; space for SACEM (the French equiv-alent of ASCAP); an Institute of Musical and Choreographic Pedagogy: information and documentation centers open to the public; 82 living quarters intended for conservatory students (in addition of 50 in the conservatory itself), an underground garage, a police station and a cafe-brasserie that will be the first thing the visitor encounters coming in from the street and will, it is said.



The Cité de la Musique, on the edge of the French capital.

All this, at a basic cost for studies and construction put at 665 million francs (\$125 million), is included in a building that seen from above is shaped like a triangle with the ellipse of the concert half in the middle rather like a piece of pie with a blob of ice cream on top. It also has a straight "Rue musicule" running

through it like a wide knife cut. giving access to all the component parts. The combination of straight and oblique lines meeting curves and spirais gives birth to an asymmetrical but harmonious, even musical, space in which no two views are the same.

It is the work of the architect Christian de Portzamparc, as is its

pendant, the conservatory, a nonidentical twin with its arrangement of four parallel rectangular units. with three performance spaces, including a small opera theater. Not incidentally, the architect was the 1994 winner of the prestigious Pritzker architecture prize

The conservatory, which has been open for business for more than two years, after almost eight decades enclosed in a fortress-like building near the Gare Saint-Lazare, is beginning a new life. Its students will be living and working in close conjunction with professional musicians on a daily basis. In a way, this entire installa-tion is a kind of anti-Bastille. In the Opera Bastille, high-tech was put at the service of a traditional opera house, and the planned salle modulable was put in mothballs, at least for the time being. At the Cité de la Musique, it was the experimental hall that was built, and a planned 2,700seat traditional concert hall was dropped, at least for now. In the Cultural Ministry's 1995 music budget, the Cité will get a subsidy of 114 million francs, compared with the 581 million for the Paris Opera.

The opening concert Thursday had Boulez conducting an orchestra of conservatory students in the ada-gio from Mahler's unfinished 10th Symphony. Then William Christie and his Arts Florissants ensemble, and soloists, performed one act of Rameau's "Les Indes Galantes," and Boulez came back with the Ensemble InterContemporain and Stravinsky's "Renard." From the gallery high above and behind the orchestra, the sound seemed full and live without being overrich, and with clear definition for individual instruments. Time will tell, but it was a good start.

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Perhaps the best indication of the image to be projected was in the unisex uniforms for the ticket takers. They featured dark jackets with the house logo on the back - like motorcyclists, or football team locker boys. or perhaps well-dressed gas station attendants.

One wearer of same was noncommittal when asked how she liked the getup. "Well, not very feminine," she conceded.

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Greta Scacchi, 34, the Italian-born and British-trained actress, has become an Australian citizen. "It's the first country I have lived," she said, "where I haven't felt like a foreigner."

PEOPLE

THE contents of Rudolf Nureyev's apartment at the Dakota in Manhattan fetched almost \$8 million in a buying frenzy at Christie's, far higher than the auction house's estimate of \$3.3 million to \$4.8 million. The sale brought a number of record prices for Old Master artists. Nearly 2,000 people flocked to Christie's to bid on ballet slippers and costumes, furniture and paintings that belonged to the dancer, who died of AIDS in 1993. "Portrait of George Town-shend, Lord de Ferrars," by Sir Joshua Reynolds, estimated to bring \$350,000 to \$450,000, was bought by an unidentified collector for \$772,500, a record for the

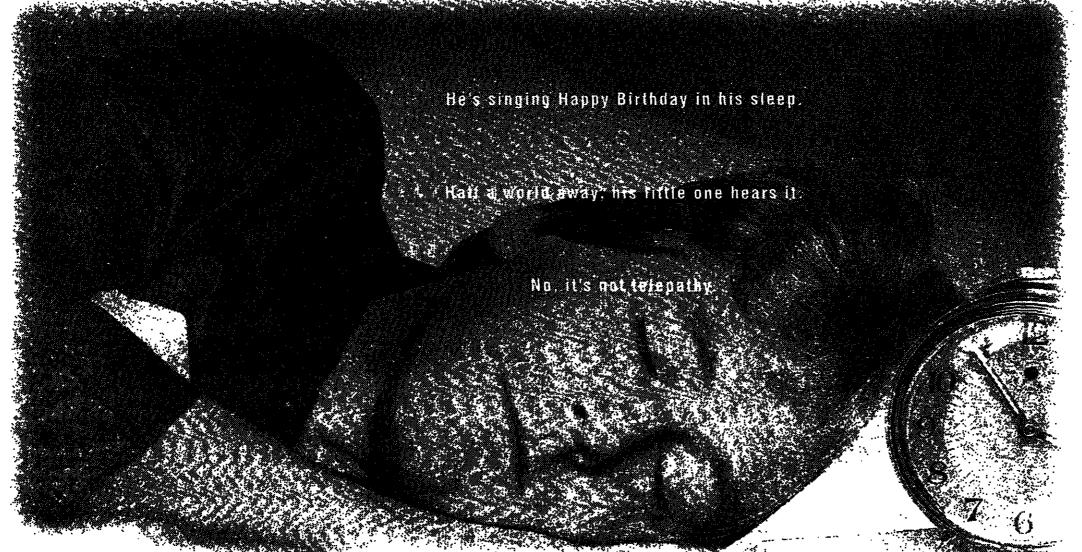
The Dutch conductor Hans Vonk has been selected to succeed Leonard Slatkin as music director of the St. Louis Symphony. Siatkin is leaving next year to become music director of the National Symphony in Washington.

The makers of "The Last Seduction" have dropped a lawsuit intended to get their movie a shot at an Academy Award.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences had ruled the movie was ineligible for an Oscar because its debut was on pay-TV instead of in a theater. The movie stars Linda Fiorentino, who was named best actress by the New York Film Critics Circle, and thus was thought to have a good chance for an Oscar.

John Chancellor, the former NBC anchorman and commentator, was just settling into retirement when he learned at age 67 that he had stomach cancer. After surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments, he says he is feeling better and getting on with life. "As I read somewhere, You want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans.` '

It would have embarrassed the late au thor John Hersey that his Key West, Florida, home has been designated a literary landmark. "Of all the artists I've known. John was the most sincerely adverse to publicity," said the poet Richard Wilbur, Hersey's neighbor. "He was very shy of publicity," added his widow. Barbara. But he would be honored and overwhelmed by this, as I am."



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